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Notes and Comments

THE TRAIL will henceforth endeavour to keep the graduates more closely in touch with affairs of the University. It will welcome all notes and articles, particularly those of peculiar interest to the graduate body. It invites the free and open discussion of all matters affecting the University and the Alumni Association, and has the assurance of those in authority that thoughtful criticism will be gratefully received. The University of Alberta is still *your* university, and in a larger sense than when you were undergraduates; and through the *Trail* you can give tangible expression to your sense of membership. The editor feels that to carry on this publication in a manner worthy of its aims is a big job, and success will depend largely on the contributions and friendly criticisms of its readers.

The whole University is still interested in you; drop a line to the *Trail* and do it often.

Dr. Tory's decision to retain the Presidency of the University was hailed with relief. The announcement this summer that he had been offered the important position of

President Tory Remains

honorary chairman of the Research Council of Canada aroused a demonstration of the high regard in which Dr. Tory is held. Newspapers expressed alarm at the loss which Alberta was about to suffer. The alumni petitioned the government to do everything in its power to retain Dr. Tory. The University staff did likewise. The students, when they returned for the fall session, invaded the President's lawn with torches and songs and cheers "to tell you that we want you to remain." The result is

that Dr. Tory is still our President and is also honorary chairman of the Research Council, a matter of gratification and pride to all alumni. Our Alma Mater would not be the same without him.

Initiation passed off this year pretty much as usual as far as the men are concerned. Little, of course, is known of the mystic rites of the

Initiation

Waunneita tribe, but it has leaked out that there were some novel visits to the Tomb of King Tut and to Mars and to the Haunt of the Shades of the Departed Seniors, that the freshmen staged a circus, with the Wild Man from Borneo, the Fat Lady, the Thin Lady, the Siamese Twins and other midway celebrities. The whole affair was marked by originality and fun. In the men's initiation the only new feature was the elimination of the street-parade in deference to public protests that appeared a year ago. In its place the freshmen entertained their seniors with tug-of-war, wheelbarrow races and "horseback" battles. It was jolly fun. Perhaps by developing on these lines future initiations will be less viscous and more original.

The University Senate has offered to declare an official holiday each year if the men students will hold initiation on the same day as the Track Meet. This change, it is hoped, might result in eliminating from initiation all unsportsmanlike elements and in more successfully imbuing the freshmen with the university spirit. The proposal to change has been brought up and tabled in the Students' Union. In the meanwhile, it is a lively topic for discussion.

First Meeting of the Alumni Association

Dean Kerr Speaks on "Switzerland of Today"

The first meeting of the Alumni Association for the new Session took the form of a luncheon held in the Hudson's Bay Dining-room on October the sixth. Each class was well represented, and many and varied were the greetings exchanged at once again meeting after the holiday season.

Immediately after lunch the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. These were followed by a short discussion regarding the establishing of branch organizations, the procedure of which is fully outlined in the constitution. (A copy of the same may be had at any time upon application to the Secretary).

Mr. Adam then told briefly of the work the Players' Club had done last year. He pointed out that they could produce no plays last year because players for leading parts were lacking. Ibsen, however, was studied, and plays which might be called derivatives of Ibsen were suggested for summer reading. Mr. Adam finished by saying that any who wished to join were cordially invited to do so.

The Vice-president reported on the interview with Dr. Tory with regard to the routine work of the Association being done by the Department of Extension. Last, but not least, of the business items was the Treasurer's request that all members pay their fees as soon as possible.

Dean Kerr, our new Honourary President, thanked the members for having elected him and very generously offered to help at any time to forward the interests of the Association. He then gave a very delightful and instructive address, the subject of which was "Switzerland Today." Having but shortly returned from several months' stay in that country, Dean Kerr spoke with the freshness

of experience. He told of Switzerland's deplorable condition today and of how she was suffering from her own prosperity because of the hard times in Europe. He pointed out that the two sources of revenue for Switzerland had ceased to be sources. First, the watch and clock industry was fast dying out because no one could buy the watches and clocks. Second, the tourist traffic, which was so essential to Switzerland's prosperity, is almost dead. The raising of the tariffs had choked off the tourist traffic, thus causing Switzerland to suffer, as she depends so much on traffic external to the country. As a result of this the numerous large and lavishly furnished hotels are now in a state of disuse. For an example Dean Kerr took the city of Lausanne, situated on Lake Geneva, and a little bigger than Edmonton. During his stay there the occupants of the Beau Rivage Hotel, of 230 rooms, numbered only six. There were five thousand beds empty in Lausanne every night.

Dean Kerr then told of the University of Lausanne, which began as an Academy back in the Sixteenth Century. It is now a state institution. Before the war the registration was thirteen hundred. Now it is six hundred, for many who had come from Germany, Roumania and other European countries have now ceased to come. The Professors are obliged to talk to empty benches. There are excellent men on the staff who are thoroughly scientific in spirit and all the faculties are represented. French, German and Italian are the official languages, but English is spoken by all. The speaker finished by saying that the University of Lausanne would be an ideal place for post-graduate work.

The meeting adjourned after a hearty vote of thanks to Dean Kerr,

NEW ALUMNI, WELCOME!

The second Autumn Convocation was dispensed with this fall, and in its place the University held an Assembly for the presentation of prizes, scholarships and awards by the President. A large number of prizes and scholarships were presented; and the following degrees were announced, to be conferred at the Spring Convocation:

GRANTED THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
ARTS

Glover, Robert Melvin.
Lebourveau, Homer Benjamin.
Marshall, Samuel.
Underwood, Clifford.

GRANTED THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
ARTS, AD EUNDEM

Hansen, Edna Jane Brandon, B. A.
Wright, Elsie Elizabeth Margaret,
B.A.
Rinehart, George Russell, B.A.
Smith, John Mark Frederick, B.A.

GRANTED THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
LAWS

Fisher, Helen Margaret.
Allen, Gordon Hollies.
Budd, William Sinclair, B.A.
Chrishop, Norman Stanley.
Graburn, William.
Moraw, Lorne Stanley.
Paterson, Gilbert Currie.
Souter, Lewis Carnaby Ross.
Wallbridge, Edward Gordon.
White, Ranald Dunaverty.
White, Thomas Everett.

GRANTED THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
Manning, Gerald Frederick Langley.GRANTED THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF
MEDICINE, AD EUNDEM
Bell, William Wilberforce, M.D.,
C.M.

Melling, Peter, M.B.
Yakimischak, John, M.D., C.M.

MEETING OF CLASS '22

A meeting of the class of 1922 was held on October 27, 1923, in 135 Arts, with Mr. Donaldson in the chair. The minutes of the meeting held on the eve of graduation were read and approved. The question of the use to be made

of the money belonging to the class, amounting to \$136.18, was brought up. After some discussion it was moved by J. T. Jones, seconded by Miss T. McQueen, that \$100.00 go to the University War Memorial Fund. Mr. Sanderson moved an amendment, seconded by Miss Archibald, that \$100 be placed at the disposal of Dr. Tory, for the aid of needy students, as there has been a fund for that purpose. The amendment was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Miss LaFleche, that the \$36.18 remaining be taken out of the trust fund of the University, and invested where it would draw interest. This was carried.

The question of a reunion was next brought before the meeting. It was decided on the motion of Mr. Sanderson, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that we have a reunion in 1927 during Convocation week.

It was suggested that a report of this meeting be given to the *Trail* for the information of other members of the class. After discussion as to the best means of keeping in touch with all our members, Mr. McDonald moved, and Miss Wershof seconded the motion, that the secretary keep a list of names and addresses as up to date as possible, so that any member may get another member's address. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

All members of Class '22 please keep in touch with Miss Tena McQueen, 9906 104th St., Edmonton.



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A NEW BOOK OF CANADIAN LITERATURE

Graduates of Alberta will be particularly interested in *A Book of Canadian Prose and Verse*, compiled and edited by Professor E. K. Broadus and Mrs. Broadus. The editors' objects have been "to bring together into a single volume

of usable size a representative selection of Canadian poetry and prose; and, in so doing, to create, with its proper setting, a picture of Canadian life, past and present." The selections are accompanied by illuminative comments. Not the least valuable things in the book are the French Canadian poems. In drawing the veil from our literary past this book should be not only of interest to students, but fruitful of ideas for writers as well.

Engineering Buildings Buzz with Industry

The Work of the Industrial Research Department

Of the different branches of work in progress under the auspices of the Scientific and Industrial Research Council of Alberta, probably the one of most general interest is that on the bituminous sands from the McMurray district, and their application to road construction. During the past summer Dr. K. A. Clark, assisted by S. M. Blair, completed the erection of an apparatus to separate the bitumen in these sands from the sand with which it is associated. This apparatus was the practical outcome of Dr. Clark's thorough study of this material. The plant was located in the basement of the power house, and had an approximate capacity of one-half ton per hour. About one hundred tons of sand were treated, and the bitumen recovered therefrom. The success of this work marks a big step forward towards the solution of the problem of how to develop this large natural resource of the province.

The bitumen obtained from the sand treated has been used by the above in tests on the bituminizing of earth roads. A short piece of new road on the campus was first treated with the bitumen, and later a stretch of about 500 feet on the Fort Saskatchewan Trail, just beyond the city limits. In this experiment several dressings of bitumen were thoroughly disked into the top surface of the road, and the whole then rolled down. The object of this work is to make earth roads

passable in all weathers by rendering the surface water-proof, and to do this at such a reasonable cost that the method can be generally adopted throughout the province. This should be clearly distinguished from the tar sand pavements which have been laid down around the University and elsewhere in and close to the city.

No spectacular developments can be reported in the work on coal, but steady progress has been made. R. T. Hollies has continued his work on the storage of coal, on the screening and sizing of coal, and on domestic heaters. He is just now carrying out some boiler trials with a Scotch type of marine boiler at Trudeau's Dye Works.

W. P. Campbell is hard at work analyzing coal samples from all over the province, and W. L. McDonald has just taken up the work on briquetting which has been in abeyance since N. H. Atkinson left in May. He is, however, attacking the work from a new angle, making a thorough preliminary study of the physical characteristics of available binders. A new and standardized method for air-drying coals has been developed in the laboratories, which has since been adopted by the Dominion Government.

Dr. J. A. Allan with a party of the university alumni and undergraduates has this summer completed a third season

of very successful field work in geological research. This party usually spends the major portion of the summer interim in making a geological survey of the province for the detailed study of Alberta stratigraphy, which has hitherto in large areas been charted only in a general way, and for the accumulation of information regarding mineral and other deposits of value in the economic development of the country, and other data and specimens for use in the study of geology. The survey thus constitutes an important part of the work of the Industrial Research Department, besides making contributions annually to the general fund of geological knowledge.

A report issued annually and obtain-

able on request contains the results of these scientific investigations. Last year's report covered the Drumheller district. The report for the present year, which is now in the course of preparation, will give the results of a survey covering an area of about 1,400 square miles from Nordegg and the Saskatchewan River to the McLeod River, which includes the Brazeau, Saunders Creek, Coalspur and Cadomin coal fields. The work hitherto has been confined chiefly to the larger coal areas, these being of the most immediate importance from the standpoint of natural resources.

This geological work this season was in the hands of Dr. Allan, Dr. R. L. Rutherford ('19) and W. G. Jewett ('23).

Concrete Research Work in the Civil Engineering Department

During the summer of 1922 it became apparent that some doubt existed in the minds of various engineers and contractors as to the effect of the small amounts of finely divided coal, so often found in the local sands around Edmonton, on the strength of concrete made from these sands.

It occurred to Mr. C. C. Sutherland of the City Engineering Department that if the coal could be removed by washing the sand, a series of comparative tests might be made on the washed and unwashed sand. It was necessary to obtain a quantitative result in order to determine whether or not it would be worth while to wash the sand from an economic point of view. The Department of Civil Engineering at the University agreed to co-operate in such an investigation and render such assistance as was possible.

Mr. Sutherland found that the coal could be easily washed from the sand. About fifty 6"x12" concrete cylinders were made by him and broken at the University in order to obtain the comparative results mentioned above. In general it was found that the effect of washing the sand was to increase the strength of the cement about 4%, a result sufficiently

small to indicate that it was not worth while to wash the coal from the sand.

Also during the same summer a hundred or more cylinders were tested for the City Engineering Department, and on account of these tests it became evident that some better method of field control should be adopted for making the cylinders and storing them. To this end during the spring and summer of 1923 the Civil Engineering Department has conducted a large number of tests on sample cylinders of concrete used by the city. It is difficult to appreciate the importance of this work. Some indications of the benefit derived by the city from the work done by Mr. Sutherland, aided by the Civil Engineering Department of the University, may be obtained by stating that whereas tests on the concrete used by the city in 1912 and 1913 showed strength averaging from 600 to 1200 lbs. per sq. in., the recent tests have shown results varying from 2,000 to 3,000 lbs. per sq. in., depending on the richness of the mix, but made from practically the same materials as in the earlier years.

The result from the washing test in 1922 brought up the problem of the effect of varying amounts of coal in the sand on the strength of concrete. It was

agreed to take up this as a research problem in the Civil Engineering Department. A series of tests were made on concrete made from sand which had been washed free from coal and into which was put varying amounts of coal ranging from 0 to 1 per cent. The tests were made at 28 days, 3 months, 6 months and 1 year (the year tests are not yet com-

pleted). The results of these tests, involving over eighty cylinders, have been highly satisfactory, though they are not to be made public until the year tests are completed. This work has been carried on mainly by Mr. Webb, with the assistance from time to time of Profs. Wilson and Morrison.

Interesting Experiments in Mechanical Engineering

Professor C. A. Robb of the Department of Mechanical Engineering is contemplating an extensive programme of research. Continuing his work for the Canadian Air Board, it is proposed to make further experiments on the effect of freezing various types of aero-engine radiators. The work that Professor Robb has done in this connection during the past few years has already been of great practical value. His services will also be available for consultation on technical difficulties that may arise out of the routine winter flying at the High River aerial station.

Gas-burning problems are also occupying Professor Robb's attention. The Northwestern Utilities Ltd., which supplies gas to the city of Edmonton, has commissioned him to conduct an experimental program to establish the relative merits of various types of gas burners.

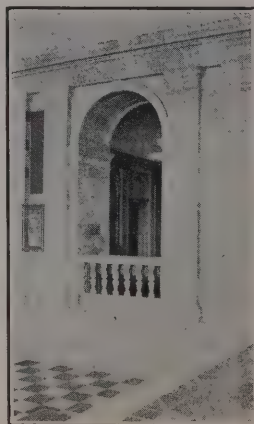
Experimental work on fuels has resulted in large savings to the University. At power plant number 2 it is now possible to burn lignite dust passing a $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch screen. This product was formerly wasted, but now a big tonnage of it is substituted for the comparatively expensive slack coal.

For the Trade Commissioner of Alberta an experimental program is under way to explore the possibilities of Alberta coals for marine purposes. If these experiments turn out favourably they should present possibilities of great economic value to the province.

Professor Robb has undertaken work for the Scientific and Industrial Research

Council of Alberta. He has been constituted a committee to consult with the principal combustion engineers of the province with a view to collecting all available data from experiments in various types and modifications of steam boiler furnaces using Alberta coal. The purpose of the investigation is to secure standardization of design in these furnaces. The usual steaming trials on coals supplied to the Research Council are being continued.

Dr. D. A. MacGibbon, professor of Political Economy, returned to the University early in November after spending the summer and fall on the Royal Grain Commission of the federal government. The work of the commission took Dr. MacGibbon to all parts of Canada and into the United States.





In Memoriam

In the death of Professor S. D. Killam the University of Alberta has suffered a great loss. We can ill afford to lose men who carry their learning with such gaiety of disposition. With the exception of the time spent at the War, he was in the Department of Mathematics for ten years. The graduate body, among whom Professor Killam had many friends and admirers, grieve with Mrs. Killam and her infant son.

An Important Appointment in the Medical Faculty

DR. EDGERTON L. POPE, B.A. (Queen's), M.D., C.M. (McGill), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), and M.R.C.P. (Lond.), the newly appointed Professor of Medicine, has had a distinguished career. Dr. Pope, after graduating from McGill, spent a year in hospital work in the city of New York, following which he spent a term in the University College Hospital in London. For one year he was physician to the Royal Victoria Hospital at Dover. After completing his year at Dover, he took a term at King's College in conjunction with clinical study in the London hospitals. Returning to Canada, he resided from 1906-1914 in Winnipeg, where he was connected with the Univer-

sity as Lecturer in Clinical Medicine. He offered his services during the war. From 1916 until the time of demobilization in August 1919, he served overseas in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, rising from the rank of captain to that of lieutenant-colonel. During this interval he served eight months in France as Medical Officer of the 6th Canadian Railway Battalion; then returning to England he was associated with Moore Barracks Canadian Hospital, Shorncliffe, and later with No. 12 Canadian General Hospital, Bramshott, in which he was for some time in charge of the Medical Division. For a short time previous to the close of the war Dr. Pope occupied the

post of Consultant in Medicine for the Canadian Boards at Witley. After his discharge from the army he spent another term in London University, from which he received the degree of M.R.C.P.

At the time of his appointment to the

University of Alberta he was Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Manitoba. The coming of Dr. Pope fills the senior chair on the medical side of the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Woodhead Appointed to McGill

The appointment of Professor W. D. Woodhead to be head of the Department of Classics in McGill is a matter of pride to alumni of Alberta.

Mr. Woodhead graduated from Oxford with Honours in Classical Moderations. From 1912 to 1916 he was associated with the University of Alberta as Lecturer and Assistant Professor in Classics. He received his M.A. degree from this university in 1913. After two years' post-graduate study in Chicago,

he went to University College, Toronto, as Assistant Professor of Greek, and in 1920 he became an Associate Professor. The University of Chicago granted him his Ph.D. degree in 1921. And now he enters upon his duties as Professor of Classics at McGill University.

The U. of A. sends heartiest congratulations to both Dr. Woodhead and McGill. When he left Alberta, Dr. Woodhead left memories of a brilliant and genial scholar.

The Farmer and Restriction of Output

HaraId S. Patton, Department of Economics

"Making two blades of grass grow where one grew before" was doubtless the best possible objective which the agricultural colleges could hold before the farmer at the beginning of the century when the world's concern over its food supply was reflected in rising agricultural prices. "Greater Production" as a means of winning the war was a good economic as well as patriotic slogan when vast unproductive armies had to be fed by diminished agricultural producers. But when depressed or uncertain prices indicate a demand that lags behind supply, the farmer tends to become concerned less with the question of *productivity* than with the problem of *vendibility*.

The agriculturist of today who produces for the market, instead of for his household, as did the self-sufficing farmers of early colonial days, is continually confronted by two variables—a physical one and an economic one. He is concerned with the fluctuations, not only of

nature, but also of the market. He has to watch the newspaper columns for market indications, just as closely as he scans the sky line for weather indications. His property is increased, not directly by bushels per acre, or pigs per litter, but by market returns in terms of production costs. One season he may suffer from crop failure; another year, with an excellent crop he may suffer from price failure. He has to calculate, not only how many blades of grass he can rake grow, but how much the extra blades will cost to raise, how much they will yield when removed, and what particular kinds of blades it will be most profitable to cause to multiply. He may even be led to consider whether under certain circumstances it might not be the most economical course to make only one blade of grass grow where two grew before.

It is not surprising that during the post war period—when a productive capacity, stimulated to maximum pro-

portions under the double-barrelled appeal of high prices and high patriotism, finds itself confronted by a demand from which the sustaining power of both wartime emergency and of normal prosperity in Europe has been withdrawn—that at such a period numerous proposals should be advanced looking towards a limitation of agricultural output. If demand cannot be rehabilitated for some time to come, the producers, it is urged, must by some method of concerted policy, curtail their supply. While the consumer will always welcome an abundant and fairly competitive supply, the producer finds that the price of his product depends directly on the degree of economic scarcity which exists, or can be made to exist, for its supply. The farmer, in short, is urged to produce less goods in order that he may obtain more money. In other words it is proposed to apply to agriculture the methods of combination and control which in industry both employers and employees have learned to put into effect.

The agricultural classes have become conscious to a rising degree that the economic consequences of such combinations, both of capitalists and laborers, have been transmitted chiefly to themselves. Restriction of output whether of manufacturers' commodities, or of workers' services mean higher prices for all the farmer has to buy. It is not surprising, therefore, that agricultural producers have asked themselves whether organization and combination among their members may not enable them to control the output of their products, and thereby obtain both higher and more stable returns. The farmer, no less than the manufacturer and laborer, has to fear the depressing effects of unregulated dumping of goods or services, whether from within or from abroad. Can he not then protect himself in the same way as his urban brothers?

Proposals for the limitation or control of agricultural output have been mainly of two general types. Those of the first sort aim at reducing the actual physical supply by "regression of acreage" or division of production. The second group of proposals, much the more

numerous and various, seek to effect centralized control of the total supply, or at least of a preponderating portion of it, and regulate its flow upon the market. That is to say, these latter schemes would eliminate or withhold surpluses by market control rather than by field control. In other words, the first type is concerned more directly with the limitation of output; the second with the control of outlet.

Proposals of the first type have been more conspicuous in the United States than in Canada. The vast increase, both in population and industrialism in the former country had been leading in the period preceding the war, to an impressive shrinkage in the proportion of agricultural production seeking an export outlet. The war, it is true, brought about a sharp and deliberate expansion of the exportable surplus. But with the dissolution of the U. S. Grain Corporation and the discontinuance of government buying from abroad, the American grain grower found that the weakened and fitful purchasing power of Europe was registering a world market price for his export products which was hopelessly below the level of domestic and protected commodities in his country. An emergency tariff might exclude Canadian, or Argentine, or Australasian agricultural products from his home market, but so long as he produced a surplus crop, whose price was determined in foreign markets, no amount of tariff manipulation could raise his price at home. In order to derive any benefit from the tariff, like the manufacturers, or like wool raisers and sugar beet growers, the grain producers must scale down their production to the proportions of domestic demand. Only thus could agricultural prices be brought in line with the general level of American prices. Accordingly while numerous conflicting plans have been proposed for government guaranteeing, financing or marketing of the existing surplus, many of the leading American agricultural journals have been fairly unanimous in emphasizing that the path of economic wisdom lies in the direction of curtailing or diverting production from those crops whose export surplus is price determin-

ing. During the past year the late governor of Minnesota actually called a conference of wheat state governors, to consider a programme of wheat acreage reduction, each state to curtail its production proportionately. All were agreed that a regression of acreage might improve wheat prices, but no one could suggest an effective means of assigning, much less, supervising and enforcing each farmer's "stint."

A programme of concerted crop acreage regulation needs only to be proposed in order to bring out the difficulties of execution, and to emphasise the fundamental difference of conditions in the organization of agricultural and industrial production. Manufacturing operations being indoor processes, dependent on stationary power and complex specialisation of labor, are necessarily concentrated. Large-scale technical units lend themselves to large-scale management and centralised control. Agriculture, however, by its very nature is incapable of being technically concentrated. Plantation agriculture, or large scale ranching, do indeed bring large areas under the control of relatively few proprietors, who may conveniently agree to carry out a concerted policy of regulated production. But in Canada and the United States where the representative agricultural unit is the family farm, any programme of crop restriction involves the securing of the agreement of a host of scattered producers, while any attempt to coerce unwilling farmers must necessarily fail, even if a court could be found which would presume to depart so far from common law principles as to enforce "agreements in restraint of trade."

The fundamental difficulty lies in the conflict of interest between the group and the individual. Farmers as a group may recognize that a reduced production all around would bring higher prices, but each individual is anxious to have the largest possible crop to offer at that enhanced price. A short crop in the country at large is a blessing to the farmer whose own yield has been unaffected by drought, or blight, or pest. It was humorously proposed at a recent gathering of cotton growers of the Southern

States that a monument should be erected to the boll weevil whose activities had contributed so directly to raising the price of cotton.

Assuming that it were possible, by agreement or compulsion to bring about a recession of crop acreage, the output would not necessarily correspond. Even if farmers were to limit collectively the acreage which they put under a given crop, no amount of supervision would be capable of regulating the relative intensity with which the respective members cultivated their prescribed acres. Nature, moreover, appears to have a capricious contempt for human calculations. In 1915 with 14 million acres sown to spring wheat, Western Canada produced 364 million bushels of that grain. In 1919 with 18½ million acres under crop the yield amounted to only 177 million bushels. Nature may not only cut down production when man needs it most, but she may choose to be over abundant just when a limited crop would be less embarrassing.

In so far as agricultural production is capable of being controlled by human calculation, the execution of it is probably best left to the voluntary action of the individual farmer. Economists, agricultural college experts and government officials and special commissioners may collect the facts and point out the prospects, but the farmer must be left to determine his own policy on the basis of such information. After all, prices provide their own corrective. High prices act as stimulating premiums; low prices function as instigations to readjustment. No producer will keep on producing that which yields him no profit. The report just submitted to President Coolidge by the directors of the War Finance Corporation which he asked to investigate the wheat growing, etc., declares in its conclusion that "there must be readjustment of production to American needs if the world markets are oversupplied." But American farmers have already been acting on that policy on the basis of their own economic calculations. U. S. government reports indicate a reduction of over 15 per cent. in the acreage sown to winter wheat during the pres-

ent fall. Of this year's crop of 782 million bushels, it is estimated that domestic consumption in the United States will leave little more than a hundred million bushels for export disposal.

The second type of proposals for regulating agricultural output have been chiefly directed, as we have said, at marketing control rather than at field control. Leaving the determination of the volume of production to nature and to the farmer's own calculations, the advocates of such schemes, while differing widely in the form and method of organization proposed, are unanimous in emphasizing the necessity of a concentration of control over the marketable supply, and a centralization of bargaining power. The individual farmer has little more control over supply or bargaining power than the individual laborer. As the position of the latter has been improved on the one hand by government action, as in minimum wage laws, and on the other by organized action, as realized in collective bargaining, so efforts have been made to improve the economic position of the farmer, on the one hand, by demanding government guarantee or handling of his products, and on the other by cooperative action for collective marketing.

Government marketing or guaranteed price through a Canada Wheat Board or a United States Grain Corporation may be expedient in a period of national emergency when grain is a sinew of war, and foreign countries are buying through government agencies. But as a normal activity it plainly lies outside the sphere of government function.

If the government guarantees a minimum price, then one which is high enough to enable the least efficient farmers to remain in business means an excessive burden upon the general taxpayer and a premium upon inefficiency. It prevents and retards the very readjustment of production which is economically required. On the other hand, if the price is fixed on a true commercial basis, so as to save the government from a deficit, all farmers who cannot produce at such prices will be compelled to with-

draw, while placing the blame upon the government. The fundamental objection to marketing by government agencies is that it shifts the economic responsibility from the producer to the state, and weakens the incentive to self-help and productive readjustment.

Co-operation, on the other hand, represents the merging of individual in collective action, without dependence on the state. It permits concentrated control of the product of its members, but a control that is autonomous, not external. There is no space here to discuss the various types of co-operative organization and of pool contracts. They vary necessarily with the nature of the commodity, the scope of the competitive area, and the character of the producers. The essential features, however, which these diverse forms possess in common, consist, first, in the unified control of the individual contributions to the collective supply; second, in centralized selling; and third, in the pooling both of supply (on grade basis) and of the proceeds.

With the whole of the association's output under command, the co-operative organization is in a position to assemble data, not only on the volume and distribution of competing supply from outside sources, but also the volume and distribution of potential market demand. In other words, it takes unto itself the speculative functions of the individual dealers on the exchanges. The more inclusive its command of supply and demand information, the more intelligently will it be able to feed the market in respect both to time and place of selling. Knowing definitely the supply it has at its disposal, and interpreting the price indications as registered continually from all accessible markets, the cooperative pool is in a position to stabilise the flow of its products, and even out the peaks and troughs of the market supply curve. In Western Canada the United Grain Growers Livestock Department, for example, have through their weekly bulletins and monthly Livestock Marketing News kept shippers continually informed of market prices and requirements, advising them which kind of cattle to bring forward and which to hold back at given times.

With its deliveries graded and pooled, it is able to ship uniform carloads to whatever market at home or abroad, appears most profitable at the time.

While, however, centralized co-operative marketing is capable of realizing the most advantageous disposal of the pooled seasonal supply of a given agricultural product, and of equalizing the returns to the producers, it cannot function independently of the laws of supply and demand. Even if a co-operative organization were to succeed in securing monopoly control of a given product, and in keeping all its members in line, it could only dispose of its controlled supply by offering it at a price which the market could carry off. Indeed, the very success of a co-operative organization may produce its own embarrassment. For example, the Associated Raisin Growers of California by efficient organization and by skilful advertising were able to secure such attractive returns for the growers of Sun Maid raisins that thousands of additional acres were converted into vineyards in the Fresno district, at inflated prices. This year the Raisin Growers with a bumper crop following an abnormally large carryover, find themselves obliged to withdraw the 4 cents guarantee to their members and distribute whatever can be obtained. If under monopoly control, a high price is maintained by withholding from the market a considerable portion of the supply, the artificial price tends to serve as an inducement to increased, or at least undiminished production by members, and the accumulation of a surplus which must eventually depress prices. The most that can be expected from co-operative marketing organization is to obtain the best possible price for a given supply under given conditions. It cannot control the volume of production of its members, much less of the competitors. It succeeds best when it approximates the equilibrium price that will just clear the supply on the market. For the rest, it can only advise its members as to the probable trend of demand, and suggest the grades and quantities that may be most advantageously produced for a given season.

In the last analysis the farmer him-

self must take the responsibility of deciding how much and what kinds of products he shall devote himself to raising. Departments and colleges of agriculture may supply the technical and market information on which he can base his choice, and his co-operative organizations may advise as to the seasonal opportunities, but in the realism of price movements must be found the most authentic of indications.

Readjustment of supply to demand has its positive as well as its negative aspects. It consists not merely in curtailing supply of the product for which the unappealable verdict of market price indicates that demand is lagging, but also in transferring productive effort to those commodities for which market quotations or import figures indicate that the domestic supply is lagging. When the trade statistics for 1922 show that Canada imported fresh vegetables to the value of \$3,916,000, \$3,416,000 worth of beef, \$13,865,000 worth of pork, \$1,883,000 worth of butter, and \$3,240,000 of eggs, it would appear that the true readjustment lies less in the "regression" than in the diversion of acreage.

Co-operative marketing would seem to be the nearest approximation which agriculture is physically capable of making to combination of industry and unionization in labor. Co-operation may better regulate the flow of farm produce to the market; it may enable the agricultural producer to bargain on more equal terms; it may effect very appreciable savings in marketing; and it may supply its members with comprehensive information and intelligent market advice. But in any free country, the ultimate responsibility for anticipating and conforming to society's economic demands cannot be shifted from the individual producer, whether he has farm products or manufactured goods, or whether he has manual or professional services to offer.

THE FRENCH CLUB has started again, and meetings will be held as usual once a fortnight. The French Play is being rehearsed, and a French choir is being trained to perform on the Play Night.

Sports at the U. of A.--Early Fall

A notable aspect of University sport this fall is the lively interest that is kept up and the fine support that is being lent to the various executives. To the president of the Association, Mr. Hugh Teskey, a large part of the praise is due. He is a happy, conscientious worker, and imbues his colleagues with lasting enthusiasm. Coupled with this factors are two others worthy of mention: the lively interest of the Union president, "Jack" McAllister, in all kinds of sports, and the healthy condition of the Students' Union finances as left by that "doughty rugby student", Robert "Linky" Lamb. The finished efficiency of his presidential administration should leave a lasting impression on the future conduct of Union affairs.

Follows a short summary of the activities of our Athletic Association up to November first, and our idea of the prospect for the future.

Rugby

In this department a number of difficulties were encountered. The departure of last spring's graduating class had impoverished the line lamentably. With Lamb gone cricketing to Oxford, Lehmann to Cambridge, and Atkinson and Whitman away exercising themselves with ores and coal, Coach "Jimmy" Bill and Captain McAllister were near desperation. "What to do for beef?" The old recourse of whipping green material into shape was taken, and with a will. Also "Dunc" McNeil and Savage, the only two experienced kickers, were out of the game. The lucky find of one Henderson, a sophomore, has patched this hole, however.

So with a team largely made up of younger untried blood, Varsity faced the much-touted Eskimos in a two-game series. Though decisively beaten in the first encounter, they came back in the next and handed the Eks the first wall-opping they have experienced in western Canada in three years. All of which was

rare and sweet to the taste. Beaten by the total score, our team retires for this season, leaving the Eskimos to play off with Calgary for the Provincial title.

Inter-faculty Track Meet

This event is proving to be one of the biggest days on the University Calendar, and this fall under the able direction of Bob Baker and Pres. Teskey, a very fine program of sports was run off.

Features of the meet were the weight-heaving by Bright, distance running by Cormack (a new agricultural student), and the poor pole vaulting. One further feature which was noted was the general interest and, in fact, proficiency shown by all the Co-eds in their numerous events. A freshette won the all-round championship, as was expected—"Youth must be served."

A recent development in connection with this function is the suggestion by the faculty, followed by a motion in the Students' Govt., that the Track Meet day be declared a regular holiday, incorporated in the Calendar, and that all official persecution of the freshmen by the sophs (or the regular initiation) be held on this day.

Western Universities Track Meet

Alberta was represented at this meet, held in Saskatchewan on Oct. 20. Although they had to accept third place in the chase for the Cairns Cup, being beaten by Manitoba and Saskatchewan, they acquitted themselves like heroes. They broke three of the four records lowered at this meet, one of them, the discus throwing won by Bright, being a new record for all Canadian Universities.

Basketball and Hockey

These two departments expect to add their names to the list of champions this year.

With Butchart, Parney, McAllister, Teskey, and a number of other stars in training, we haven't much to fear in basketball.

In hockey there is a wealth of material at hand and Varsity should be again represented in the Provincial Amateur play off. Hockey has had a hard row to hoe the past few years at this place, and it seems that lack of official interest on the part of the athletic executive is responsible. Alberta's premier winter sport deserves more consideration on the part of those in charge of the sport at Alberta's university.

Minor Clubs

All the minor departments of athletics are in vigorous health. A first class tennis tournament and a successful swimming tournament have been held. Inter-faculty rugby is enjoying a keen season, and Meds and Law are at present deciding this issue. In Soccer our senior team went to Saskatoon and held that team and their blizzard to a scoreless tie, thereby retaining the championship for Alberta.

In boxing and wrestling the season should be a successful one. There are numerous barrel-chested "sheaf-heavers" among the new Aggies who could easily romp away with Amateur wrestling titles. The presence of Mitchell, Gale, Cohen and Davis insures an active boxing programme, and, of course, there is always the possibility of discovering some new "Wild Bull of the Campus," that is, in a boxing sense.

P.S.—The Faculty have at last gained importance enough in sport to find space in a column of this nature. The faculty golf tournament has just been completed under the able direction "du vigoreuse m'sieur" Sonet, and a galaxy of windy referees. Needless to say, a recent graduate, W. A. Matthews, "garnered the argent," much to the analytic disgust of Jim Kelso. As we remarked regarding the Girls' Inter-faculty championship—"youth must be served."

—J. O. G. S.

U. OF A. GRADS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Heartiest congratulations to the following who have brought honour to themselves and to Alma Mater:—

E. C. BAYFIELD, B.S.A. '23 is now at

Macdonald Agricultural College, Quebec, holding a Macdonald Registered Scholarship.

K. H. BROADUS, B.A. '22, M.A. '23, is at Merton College, Oxford, under an award by the Rhodes Trust.

ANDREW CAIRNS, B.S.A. '23, has won a scholarship at the University of Minnesota, and is now taking post-graduate work in biochemistry.

ERNEST L. CHURCHILL, B.A. '23, has won a scholarship in mathematics at Chicago, and will enter upon his work at the New Year.

ALEX. J. COOK, B.Sc. (Alta.) '20, M.A. (Harvard), has been awarded one of the Shattuck Scholarships in Mathematics at Harvard, and is pursuing studies towards a Ph.D.

W. F. HANNA, B.A. (Dalhousie), B.S.A. '22, and M.S.A. '23 of Alberta, has won the C.S.T.A. scholarship in agriculture, tenable at the University of Manitoba.

ROBT. L. LAMB, B.A. '23, is the 1923 Rhodes Scholar, and is now at Merton College, Oxford.

J. F. LEHMANN, B.Sc. '20, M.Sc. '22, has won an 1851 Exhibition Science Research Scholarship, three of which are available in Canada each year. He is now studying in the Cavendish Laboratories, Cambridge, under Sir Ernest Rutherford.

CHARLES D. REID, B.Sc. '23, is studying at the U. of A., having received a scholarship from the National Research Council.

S. C. ROBISON, B.S.A. '23, won the Milton Hersey Scholarship at Macdonald College, Quebec.

J. O. G. SANDERSON, B.Sc. '21, M.Sc. '23, won two scholarships, one from Yale, and the other from the National Research Council. He chose the latter, and is now studying at the U. of A.

C. B. SANFORD, B.S.A. '20, has won a scholarship at the University of Minnesota.

CARL SCHOLL, B.S.A. '18, won a scholarship at Minnesota and one at California. He accepted the latter, and is now studying at Berkeley.

In Remembrance

(November 11)

Let us remember always those who died;
Each adding splendour that will never fade
To History's immortal cavalcade
As down the long halls of Time they ride.
And let us, too, remember how they died—
Triumphant heroes of our last Crusade;
Nor e'er forget the sacrifice they paid
To keep our sacred Freedom undefined.
Their laurelled names shall consecrate anew
The shrines and altars of their native land,
Helping us always for the Right to stand,
Keeping us to their great traditions true.
In our race's memory will their glory live
Who gave for Freedom all a man could give.

—W. S. McDONALD.

Senate Meeting of October 12, 1923

A special meeting of the Senate of the University of Alberta was held in the Senate Chamber on Friday, October 12th, 1923. In opening the meeting the Chancellor welcomed the two new members elected on May 22nd, 1923, both graduates of this University: Mr. C. F. Reilly, B.Sc., of Calgary, and Mr. C. F. Carswell, B.A. of Red Deer.

The Senate then considered and approved the results of the professional examinations in Medicine, Pharmacy, and Nursing. As a result of the recent September examinations the Senate also approved the granting of certain degrees, these to be conferred at the next meeting of Convocation. A full list of these degrees will be found in another column.

Changes in the Licentiate course in Pharmacy received the meeting's consent, and President Tory introduced recommendations regarding a proposed School of Nursing. He stated that, at a recent meeting of the Hospital Board, it was recommended to the General Faculty, Senate, and Board of Governors that a School of Nursing be organized under the Medical Faculty of the University; that the faculty of the School consist of President Tory, Chairman; Dr. Washburn, Vice-Chairman; Miss M. A. McCammon, Superintendent of Nurses; Dean Kerr of the Faculty of Arts; Dean Rankin of the Faculty of Medicine; the heads of the Departments of Medicine and Surgery; and Miss Sharp, lecturer in Nursing; and that the Sisters in charge of wards, who give instruction to nurses-in-training, have the title of assistant demonstrators in nursing without seats on the council.

It was further agreed that two courses of study be organized, one covering three years leading to registration as an R.N.; the other, a course of five years leading to the degree of B.Sc. in Nursing and Registration; that for admission to the first course candidates be required to have Grade X standing in the High Schools of the Province; that for admission to the second course University Matriculation be required, the course of

study to be of the same standard as that required for the B.Sc. in any other faculty of the University.

In addition to these recommendations it was explained that, whereas the legal requirement regarding preliminary education for those who wished to enter training as a nurse, is Grade VIII for the Province of Alberta, it seemed quite possible to secure candidates having Grade X or better to enter training in the University Hospital. It was thought that before long it might be wise to require Matriculation for entrance to both of the proposed courses. With its own well-equipped hospital on the grounds, the University is in a unique position to carry out a programme such as proposed.

The recommendations met with the hearty approval of Senate, and it is understood that some sixteen nurses have already entered upon a course of training. The details of the course leading to the degree of B.Sc. will be worked out by the Medical Faculty, and made ready for operation at the beginning of the session 1924-25.

The Senate sanctioned the holding of a Field Day for Sports in October. It is possible that this will develop into an annual affair of some importance along lines which are now under discussion.

Announcement was made of a gift which had come in for the University library. Mr. W. J. Carter, a citizen of Edmonton, who came to this country in 1870, had compiled an account of his experiences in Western Canada and had prepared two type-written copies, one of which he was presenting to the Library of the University of Alberta, and one to the Library of the University of Saskatchewan. It is written in a very interesting manner, and contains personal references to persons well known in the early days on the prairie. The Senate accepted the gift, and asked that its appreciation be extended to Mr. Carter by letter.

The next meeting of Senate will probably not be held until after the New Year.

Meeting of the Board of Governors of Oct. 13th, 1923

The Board of Governors of the University met on October 13. The chief business was the appointment of necessary additions to the teaching staff.

Three new members of the Board of Governors are on the list this year. They are Fred E. Osborne, of Calgary; Mrs. E. M. Barss, of Delia, and Mrs. F. M. Gunn, of New Lindsay.

In the general appointments to the Arts, Science and Law Faculties the additions to the staff are mostly in the way of readjustments and replacements, and the net result, as decided upon by the Governors, represents an actual saving on the running expenses of the institution. The appointments in the Medical Faculty, necessitated largely by the addition of the Fifth Year course of study, have been made through the financial assistance given the University by the Rockefeller Foundation Fund.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The appointments to the University staff, other than in the Medical School, are as follows:

Harold Grant Oddy, B.A. (McMaster), Ph.D. (Toronto), Instructor in Chemistry, replacing N. Stover.

Dr. J. W. Scott, (McGill), Lecturer in Biochemistry, replacing Dr. Grant Lochead.

Dr. Joseph Jackson, M.A. (Alberta), M.D., C.M. (McGill), Lecturer in Anatomy, replacing Dr. N. J. Minnish.

Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, M.Sc. (Alberta), Assistant in Mathematics, and F. Young, B.A. (Alberta), Sessional Assistant in Mathematics, both by temporary arrangement to fill the vacancy created by the death of Prof. Killiam.

G. Taylor, B.Sc. (Alberta), Demonstrator in Physics.

Dr. R. L. Rutherford, M.Sc. (Alberta), Ph.D. (Wisconsin), replacing P. Warren, on a year's leave of absence as Lecturer in Geology.

A. W. Matthews, B.Sc., Assistant in

the Department of Pharmacy, on account of the death of Prof. Gaetz.

Frank Ford, K.C., Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Alberta Law Society, and H. H. Parlee, K.C., both Benchers of the Law Society, Honorary Professors in Law.

MEDICAL STAFF INCREASED

The greatest number of new appointments are in the Medical Faculty, the inauguration of the Fifth Year of the Medical course having made it necessary to strengthen the teaching staff accordingly. Dr. E. L. Pope has come from Winnipeg to take the Professorship of Medicine and will also be Chief of the Division of Medicine in the University Hospital. He will give his full time to the work of the University and Hospital; the other appointments are part-time men, giving varying proportions of their time to teaching and clinical work.

Dr. Heber Jamieson is promoted from Assistant Professor of Medicine to Associate Professor. He will give special attention to diabetes and will work in this field in conjunction with Dr. J. R. Collip, co-discoverer of the insulin treatment.

Dr. H. B. Logie becomes Assistant Professor of Medicine.

ADDITIONAL LECTURERS

The other appointments to the Medical School staff are as follows:

Drs. A. Blais, G. C. Gray, H. H. Hepburn, A. R. Munroe and W. A. Wilson are promoted from Lecturers to Assistant Professors in Surgery.

Dr. F. H. Mewburn, Lecturer in Orthopedics.

Drs. L. C. Harris, D. W. T. McEachern, J. A. McPherson, J. L. Peticlere and N. L. Terwilligar, Instructors in Clinical Surgery.

Dr. L. C. Conn, Professor of Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

Dr. J. D. Harrison, Associate Professor of Gynaecology.

Dr. J. O. Baker, Lecturer in Obstetrics.

Dr. C. U. Holmes, Instructor in Obstetrics.

Dr. I. R. Bell, promoted from Lecturer in Pharmacology to Lecturer in Medicine and Therapeutics.

Dr. D. N. Leitch, promoted from Assistant in Medicine to Lecturer in Pediatrics.

Dr. C. W. Hurlburt, promoted from Assistant Lecturer in Medicine to Lecturer in Medicine.

Drs. W. H. Scott, A. F. Anderson, F. S. McPherson, and J. E. Carmichael, Instructors in Clinical Medicine.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

A report on the work done in the University Hospital during the past year was submitted to the Board of Govern-

ors by Dr. R. T. Washburn. It showed a total since the hospital was established of 14,434 medical patient, surgical patient and special patient days in the Outdoor Department, the patients coming from all parts of the province. Since the beginning of this year 137 destitute cases had been dealt with. The Governors expressed great satisfaction with the success of the Hospital in the first year of its work.

It was stated that a regular social service department has been organized in connection with the hospital, by which all cases are followed up, where necessary, in their homes. This will be made a permanent feature of the work, and in carrying it on the University authorities will have the co-operation of the Public Welfare Boards and other social service agencies.

Registration Keeps Up to Former Level

Interim Report For Session 1923-24

At the end of October the registration of students at the University was slightly in excess of that on the same date last year. The figures are far from complete so early in the term. They do not include graduate courses, the first year of the B.S.A. course, which begins in November, the Correspondence courses, whose tutoring is not fully organized until all the students have reported, or the special courses for teachers given at convenient hours.

With the above omissions, and certain others, the following figures give the registration to date according to faculties:—

Arts and Sciences	462
Medicine	145
Applied Science	96
Agriculture	61
Law	55
Pharmacy (2-year course)	29
Combined courses	100

The registration in Arts and Sciences includes the Departments of Commerce and Household Economics and the degree course in Pharmacy, besides the ex-

plicitly "Arts" courses, and does not therefore give much clue to the future plans of students enrolled in this faculty.

The Faculty of Medicine proves the next largest faculty. Here the large majority pursue the Medical Course, and the remainder the course in Dentistry.

There is an increase in the number enrolled in Applied Science this year. Since Alberta will give great scope for engineers, the increase augurs well.

The Faculty of Agriculture shows incomplete registration. With the addition of the first-year students in the B.S.A. course it is expected to show a marked increase over last year's enrolment. This would be accounted for by the fact that a new course leading to a B.Sc. in Agriculture is offered for the first time.

The decreased number of Students-at-Law entering this year may possibly be due to the fact that so many who have completed the requirements for the Bar are now found in the ranks of less crowded professions.

In the School of Pharmacy the smaller

number taking the two-year course would, perhaps, be partly due to the fact that the entrance requirements, now raised to Junior Matriculation, place the student in a position to enter the degree course if he prefers.

The large enrolment in combined courses speaks for itself, for the Alma Mater welcomes students who seek an ample preparation for future work. Arts and Medicine, and Arts and Law are the most favoured combinations, while Arts and Agriculture, and Arts and Applied Science attract a fair number of students.

Registration numbers according to

years may be interesting to note:

First Year—265 (not including Dept. of Correspondence).

Second Year—277.

Senior Years—406 (not including Teachers' Courses).

Graduates—90 (not complete).

This report is of necessity merely tentative. It does not include the Law students registered in Calgary, nor does it include Nurses' courses, short courses in Agriculture, and numerous courses which do not begin till after Christmas. All signs point to a total registration as heavy as last year's, when the number went over thirteen hundred.

Two Addresses on The World Situation

The University was fortunate in hearing within a few days of each other the two addresses which follow. Sir George Foster represented Canada at the first Assembly of the League of Nations, and was one of its vice-presidents. His remarks, drawn from intimate experience, are strong confirmation of President Tory's argument before the Philosophical Society.

"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?"

At the first public meeting of the Philosophical Society, held on the evening of Tuesday, October 17, Dr. Tory applied this question to the maintenance and progress of civilization, and his address was a message of re-assurance and a strong and well-supported declaration of faith in the future of the human race.

Two modern writers, whose arguments Dr. Tory discussed, predict the downfall of civilization. One of these, an Italian of note, in support of his argument draws analogies from history, comparing present conditions with those which preceded the fall of the Roman Republic and the fall of the Roman Empire, referring also to the time of the Napoleonic wars. The other, in the book, "The Revolt Against Civilization," bases his argument on the fact of personal and racial inequality established by modern psychology, and predicts that since the higher stocks are not reproducing themselves in such proportions as to ensure their continuance, the race as a whole will deteriorate; the mass of mankind being of inferior stock and unable to com-

prehend the modern industrial world will eventually combine to overthrow civilization.

These writers, Dr. Tory said, have the wrong conception of the idea of civilization. In the case of Rome, the conditions which created the Empire were the same as those which created the Republic; the Roman civilization was continuous and the Empire was really a development from the Republic by which greater strength was attained and greater opportunities were opened out. The fall of Rome was due to the entry of external forces which supplanted the old Roman spirit. All that was best in the Roman civilization was re-discovered and made its contribution to those which have succeeded it. Similarly many of Napoleon's ideas were incorporated into the scheme of things and assisted rather than retarded progress.

What is civilization? Civilization is not a social structure. That is nothing but its expression. Civilization itself lies deeper, and we might overturn our social order and re-establish it along different lines without doing away with our

civilization, provided we hold fast to certain fundamental things. Civilization is the state at any moment of the totality of man's reaction to Nature and himself. It is measured by his mastery over Nature and his ability to use the powers of Nature for his own development, and conserve the knowledge he has gained for the use of future generations. In it are embodied tradition, in which is preserved the experience of the past; literature and art, which are man's interpretation of his surroundings and himself; and science, which is the application of accumulated knowledge for practical uses.

In all comparisons between the present civilization and those of the past it must be remembered that the amount of accumulated experience in the ancient world was exceedingly small, and there was consequently no broad foundation upon which to build. Also, knowledge belonged only to a very limited class, and Plato is quoted as saying, "To the ordinary man knowledge is useless." There was thus no government backed by public opinion, and in Athens, the most democratic of them all, the free citizens, to whom Demosthenes refers in his orations, comprised only five to ten per cent. of the population. Means of disseminating knowledge were lacking and even the libraries were available only to the privileged few. When Rome fell, the only thing the barbarian world inherited was Roman Law, and it was a thousand years before man's intellectual activities were revived.

What is involved in the destruction of civilization? The first thing is the destruction of tradition. But man has found that impossible ever since the Dark Ages. Second, is the destruction of accumulated knowledge. But modern knowledge is so comprehensive in all phases of life, preserved in so many different ways, and placed in so many hands that it must now remain in the possession of man as long as he is able to make use of it. Third, is a complete breaking of man's understanding of social relationships.

The Russian government attempted a complete change, and by the assassination of the intelligentsia thought to break all connection with the past; but the old

traditions have been kept by the neighboring nations, and back into Russia is pouring the knowledge, which, Dr. Tory thinks, is destined to put her back into the path of the civilization she tried to leave.

Signs of hope for the future of civilization are on all sides. Knowledge is more and more readily exchanged among the nations, the scientists contribute the results of their discoveries to the common fund, and above all, there is an increased realization of the value of knowledge—the significance of research is written on the consciousness of mankind as never before. Ten years ago only 1.2% of the school population in the United States was in the High Schools, now they contain 11%, and in Great Britain higher education is available to all who wish to obtain it. The number of people classed as superior minds emerging from the mass of the people is greater than ever before. Never were so many, in proportion to the population, occupied at the task of increasing the store of knowledge, and never was there a greater effort to apply knowledge for the uses of human life. So far as ability to produce wealth is concerned, mankind is better off than ever before in history. The increase of wealth within twenty-five years will compensate for all the losses which the war brought about.

Regarding moral stamina, if this may be judged by the power to endure suffering and hardship and to achieve in the face of difficulties, the war has demonstrated that the men of today are not inferior. The world is living nearer than ever before to the teachings of the Master in nation-wide charities for the succour of the unfortunate, and at no time has the sense of guardianship and trusteeship of wealth had a firmer hold on the human mind, as seen in the many foundations for the common benefit.

Whatever the difficulties encountered, those qualities of heart and mind that have made our civilization will emerge; the fabric of our civilization, based as it is upon man's accumulated store of knowledge, his outlook upon nature and the powers it has given him, will endure, even though the forms in which it expresses itself may change.

HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE LEAGUE
OF NATIONS

Those who heard Sir George E. Foster speak on the subject of the League of Nations in Convocation Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, October 14, will heartily agree with Dr. Tory's pronouncement in introducing the speaker, that "If we had searched all over the world we could have found no one capable of dealing with the subject more successfully."

The League, Sir George explained, lays down as a first principle that "war shall not be undertaken as a first method for the settlement of international difficulties." Disputes between nations are to be settled by conference, arbitration, reference to the International Court, or, finally, to the League Council.

The League has two organs: the Council and the Assembly; matters which the Council fails to decide are brought before the Assembly as a whole. Its ability to grapple successfully with the problems of international and world-wide concern which come before it and establish itself as a dominant force in the affairs of humanity as a whole is evidenced by the fact that in its assembly meet the representatives of four-fifths of the population and more than three-quarters of the territories of the world. During the four years of its existence it has more than doubled the number of its adherents, and lost not one, and as an instance of the confidence inspired by its successes the speaker quoted the comment of Sir Edward Grey: "If we had had a League of Nations in 1913 and '14, there would have been no world war."

The duties of the League include the administration of certain districts, such as the Saar, and the city of Dantzig, and the protection of minorities where their safety or civil rights are endangered. It is also provided that no country shall annex conquered territory; instead, a mandatory shall administer it under the supervision of the League of Nations. In fact, all things of a national, tribal or credal nature come under its jurisdiction.

Besides these major concerns of the League there are many minor phases of its work which may more particularly be

characterized as humanitarian. A repatriation commission with Dr. Nansen in charge restored to their homes 427,000 of the 500,000 prisoners of war left scattered over Europe in 1919. Again, the Russian Revolution forced 800,000 to take refuge along the lines of contiguous nations, and Dr. Nansen, with Sir Samuel Hoare as deputy commissioner, succeeded in satisfactorily placing them by persuading the Soviet government to take many back and inducing other central European powers to accept the responsibility for the remainder. More recently, when Anatolia was over-run by the Turks, nearly a million of the inhabitants were expelled. Many of these were received by Greece; Dr. Nansen was placed in charge of the remainder. The United States has taken a large share in the relief work in the contribution of food supplies and medical aid.

Among the "world evils which prey upon humanity" requiring world-wide co-operation and now being vigorously combatted by the League of Nations are plagues, the white slave traffic, and the consumption of narcotic drugs. Measures for the suppression of the white slave traffic have been drawn up and submitted to all nations for signature. In 1904 Great Britain and some other nations sent a commission which met at Shanghai for the investigation of the drug evil, and arranged for a convention to meet at the Hague. After the war this work was resumed by the League, which has secured the ratification of all but a few small nations to an agreement prohibiting the import or export of narcotics except by government authorization in the countries concerned, and allowing their use only for medical and scientific purposes. A commission is now endeavoring to ascertain the amount required for these purposes with a view to restricting production to this amount.

An outbreak of typhus in Russia was brought to the attention of the League, and Sir George himself was deputed to make an appeal to the Assembly for two million dollars to fight the disease. This amount was pledged, and the typhus eventually checked. A further outbreak occurring two years later, representatives of 37 nations held a convention at War-

saw, at which it was decided to ask for a donation of six million dollars. The money was obtained and used to such good effect that the death rate from typhus is now below normal in the affected districts.

These smaller activities establish contact points among the nations, help them to catch the international viewpoint, and "lay the true substratum for the larger work of the League." "These are not high-flown, faddish, fantastical ideas," said Sir George; "four years of work together along these lines have demonstrated the efficacy of the League of Nations."

In a burst of eloquence he concluded the address with an appeal to the students for the preservation of truth, virtue, manhood, square-dealing and helpfulness for one's fellows, and exhorted them to hold fast to those ideals which are the light of human progress, the "pictures transposed into the future."

In reply to a question by Mr. Grimmet regarding the part played by the League of Nations in settling the recent dispute between Italy and Greece, Sir

George outlined the steps taken, and quoted the opinion expressed by Premier Baldwin: "I am convinced that if there had been no League of Nations today the action taken by Italy would have had the same result as that of Austria in 1914." When Italy issued a five hours' ultimatum to Greece, and one hour before its expiration the Italian fleet bombarded Corfu, the situation came immediately under discussion by the League, which was in session at Geneva. The members of every nation except France were outspoken in condemning Italy's action, and it was their strong stand that induced Mussolini to agree to the settlement of the dispute by the Council of Ambassadors. Thus in accordance with the Covenant of the League the contending nations submitted their dispute to arbitration. If this had failed of a settlement it would have been the League's duty to settle the matter. As evidence of the League's efficacy it must be noted that, but for the strong statements made in the Assembly at Geneva, Italy would not have consented to arbitration.

League of Nations Society in Canada

The League of Nations has inspired a great hope—the hope of escape from a world in which the nations live in a state of relative lawlessness, where might decides what is right. But the League of itself can do nothing, and here lies a grave danger ahead. In this democratic age, an intelligent public opinion is the vital force of national governments; without it they would quickly be perverted and used against the interests of the people. The same is true of the League of Nations. Unless the people in the various countries of the world have some real knowledge of the League, and take a live and continuous interest in its working, it is bound to fail.

To avert this peril, there has been formed the League of Nations Society in Canada, and similar Societies in other

countries. They aim at the promotion of international peace and justice by furnishing information about the League of Nations, its principles, organization, and work, and by fostering the study of international problems. Every Canadian is therefore urged to become an active supporter of the League of Nations Society in Canada, that Canadian public opinion may be focused upon the League of Nations and that Canada may thus shoulder her share of the world problems.

Associate Members, who pay \$1.00 a year, receive all the literature published by the Canadian Society. But Ordinary Membership, for which the fee is \$2.50, is very much better, for in addition to the above literature, Ordinary Members receive the Monthly Summary of the

League of Nations. This is published by no society, but by the Information Section of the League of Nations at Geneva. It provides in a most convenient and readable form the best information on the problems and activities of the League of Nations from month to month.

Any further information may be obtained from A. L. Burt, Secretary, Edmonton Branch, League of Nations Society in Canada.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Dramatic Society will hold its annual Inter-class Competition in December. Most of the classes are now well away on the rehearsal of their one-act plays, and interest seems to be keener than ever. The Dramatic Society has not yet chosen its big play for production in the spring. Following is the programme of meetings for the session:—

November 5th—The Technique and Staging of Amateur Productions: Mrs. Haynes.

December 10th—Tercentenary of the First Folio.

January 14th—Canadian Night: Select Readings of Canadian Drama.

February 11th—Greek Night: Scenes from a Greek Drama—under the Direction of the Department of Classics.

March 10th—Selected Readings from Thomas Hardy's *The Dynasts*.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

The programme of the Philosophical Society for the current session is one of the most attractive it has ever presented. Those who knew the Philosoph. in the old days will be surprised to learn that its membership now is over three hundred. Following is the intellectual feast for this winter:—

Public Lectures

October 17th—"Watchman! What of the Night!": H. M. Tory.

November 14th—The Latest Stage of Electrical Science: H. J. MacLeod.

December 12th—Divorce: Frank Ford.

January 30th—The Canadian Constitution Sixty Years After: C. A. Stuart.

February 27th—John Ruskin: Aesthetics and Social Reform: C. L. Gibbs.

March 26th—The "Economic Man" or Human Nature in Business: D. A. MacGibbon.

Members' Meetings

October 31st—The Function of Art: C. S. Burgess.

November 28th—Fascismo: M. H. Long.

January 16th—A New Approach to Medieval Literature: Francis Owen.

February 13th—Intellectual Emancipation and the Bible: A. D. Miller.

March 12th—Literary Portraits: Miss G. Misener.

April 9th—Some Thoughts on Matter: Stanley Smith.

Odd Bits

WAUNEITA SOCIETY—With Agnes MacLeod as President, the Wauneita Society is looking forward to a good year. Initiation went off in great style, and the Reception to the men was voted the best yet. The Colonial Ball, the Banquet, and the Tea to the High School Girls will take place as usual after Christmas. The Society will, as always, be present in force at Lits, Med Night, etc. It is also likely that the Wauneitas will give a concert at the University Hospital, following the precedent of the last two years.

DR. A. C. RANKIN, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, was absent from the Campus during the month of June. He visited Montreal as Alberta's representative in connection with a meeting of the Canadian Medical Association. While in the East he also attended the Ninth Conference of Canadian Universities, where important matters relating to medical education were dealt with by the medical committee of the conference. Later at Ottawa he was present at a session of the Dominion Council of Health.

DR. A. L. F. LEHMANN, our genial Professor of Chemistry, spent a considerable part of the summer in the East, attending conferences in connection with agricultural chemistry.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS—The Annual Inter-Year Track Meet took place on the same day as the men's Track Meet, Nov. 18th, and was won by the Sophomores, who therefore hold the Bakewell Cup for this year. The Senior Basketball team is to visit Winnipeg this year, while the Hockey team will play Manitoba here. An intermediate Basketball team is being trained to enter the city inter-collegiate league. Mr. Race is again coaching Basketball, and Mike Krause is taking charge of Hockey.

DR. R. F. SHANER, Associate Professor of Anatomy, in doing his bit to push back the frontier of the unknown in the field of Anatomy, has prepared a paper as the result of his research on "The Muscular Architecture of the Vertebrate Ventricle" which is to appear in the October number of *The British Journal of Anatomy*. It may also be of interest to the readers that Dr. and Mrs. Shaner spent their honeymoon this summer in the neighborhood of Banff. We wish them every happiness for the future.

DR. N. J. MENISH, who has been for the past two years Lecturer in Anatomy and House Physician at the University, has gone to Winnipeg, preparatory to leaving for the Old Country to do post-grad. work in Medicine.

DR. DOWNS and DR. EDDY, of the Department of Physiology, carried on during the summer months research work in connection with the substance "Secretin" which is produced by one of the Endocrine glands as an internal secretion. It is expected that the results of their work will be published shortly.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT of Alberta has an ambitious programme drawn up. Several study groups have been formed, and it is expected that a conference with B. C. will be held here at Christmas.

Music is interesting a large number of students at the University. The Orches-

tra and the Mandolin Club have resumed practices. After three years' silence the Glee Club is again taking its place in student life. It has been revived by a few enthusiastic men and is to be confined to men. The women have not yet made a similar move. This year the number of students patronizing the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra is greater than ever.



J. B. COLLIP, Ph.D.

Professor of Biochemistry.

DOCTOR J. B. COLLIP of the University of Alberta has received signal recognition of his share in the discovery of Insulin. The Nobel Prize for Medicine was recently awarded to Dr. McLeod and Dr. Banting of Toronto. The prize amounts to \$40,000. Announcement is now made that these two men have divided their shares equally with their co-discoverers, Dr. Collip and Dr. Best, to whom they ascribe equal credit with themselves for the discovery which is bringing relief to thousands of diabetic sufferers. The Carnegie Trust also has placed \$10,000 at the University's disposal to forward Dr. Collip's work.

APPLIED SCIENCE BANQUET — The "forty-beer" men held their third Annual Banquet at the Macdonald Hotel on November 1st. Some seventy were present and had a rousing time. The App-Sci. Quartette brought the house down with their songs, some of which we would print but for the engineers' advice that they are hardly edifying enough for these columns. The menu, however, will bring pleasant memories to some, and it will at least make the others hungry:—Cocktail a la Benchmark; Thermo Dynamics; Viande Hydraulique; Pomme de Murphy; C.E. 3—Materials for Destruc-

tion avec Cement Grouting; Fine Aggregate; Coarse Aggregate; Tar Sands avec Creme; Wet Cells; Combustion a la Forced Draft.

AN OTTAWA PRESS DESPATCH SAYS:—An investigation into the question of rural credits is to be made for the government and President H. M. Tory of the University of Alberta has been commissioned for that purpose. He has specialized in the study of such questions, including the European system, and is expected to report at the next session.

A Criticism of Papini's *Life of Christ*

A well known classical scholar once complained loudly to me that any ass could write a volume of sermons which would sell, but the patient scholar often had to pay out of his own pocket for the publication of the valuable results on long study. The book under notice would grieve him a little, I fear, for Papini, without enduring the pains of learning, makes a few hare-like leaps over the heads of those plodding tortoises the *New Testament* scholars, and dashes to success down the course amidst the plaudits of twelve nations. One looked to the schools to provide the next life of Christ to attract attention, but it has had extra-mural origin, for Papini, though a writer and thinker of repute, is in no strict sense a *New Testament* scholar. This is at the first blush in his favour, for he can write without the restraint which sufficient acquaintance with criticism would have imposed on him, and can the more cheerfully scorn the laborious methods of criticism and spurn its help, in that he does not discern their value.

Before he wrote this book, Papini had achieved a considerable fame as a journalist and philosopher of keen and incisive mind, and he tells us in the introduction to his book how deeply he had

committed himself to a detached and irreligious temper of mind, until in the moral stress of the later years of the war he felt it necessary to review his position. From seclusion in which he had shut himself up with a handful of books he emerged with his *Life of Christ* completed, convinced that nothing can help the world short of full and uncritical surrender to the Christian tradition. So striking a conversion of a renowned man of letters could not but add interest to a book which in itself contained some elements of greatness. The publishers do not fail to exploit the dramatic conversion as an aid to circulation, but the book must stand on its own legs. While to many the moral upheaval in Papini's life may bring conviction as to the truth of his position, there must, one would hope, be many more who require to use their knowledge of that period of moral stress to excuse Papini's uncompromising repudiation of scholarship.

For Papini in no uncertain style discards the scholar and critic, and does it with gusto. He does not stop to enquire whether or not he is throwing out the baby with the bath-water. The auto-da-fé of criticism which he establishes reminds one of the student of English literature whose first act on coming under

religious conviction was to hurry home and toss his Shakespeare into the fire with the exclamation, What have you to do with eternity?

It is a pity that a religious book of wide circulation should add to the tension between piety and learning. We may well agree with Papini that there is more moral sap in the parables of Jesus than in the forest of critical remark that has grown up around them, without thinking the worse of criticism. Criticism does not set out to provide moral stimulus, but to uncover truth, and the search of the critical reason for truth is itself one of the most dignified moral actions of mankind. Even the piles of critical sawdust bear witness to the spiritual aspirations of man, and it is a spurious spirituality that in the interests of the soul stands at enmity with the patient effort of the scholar to reach truth even in small things. It was no doubt a hard thing for Papini, stepping as he did almost in a moment from what now seems to him the starless night of analysis into the full blaze of ardent faith, to discern clearly the value of things; this may explain, without wholly excusing, his round condemnation of criticism as valueless at a moment of sudden illumination.

Papini's book would, of course, be a mere squib if that were all it contained. He quickly gets over that in the introductory chapter, and proceeds to the main task. He takes the *New Testament* narrative without question or reservation, together with no small amount of the traditional comment and elucidation, and writes his *Life of Christ* on that basis in a free and vigorous style, with here and there strong dramatic touches, and everywhere brilliant imaginative effort. The intense realism of the writing knows no half-tones, and while in the main contributing to the book an attractive degree of freshness and power, at times leans a little to the defect of being too brutally direct. Interspersed throughout the book are to be found shrewd and pungent observations on life and character which add greatly to the lustre of the style, and the book is suffused

throughout with a warm emotion which is beyond criticism, and nearly lifts the book into the class of really great writing. That it must be judged to fall short of greatness is due, not to any defect of literary value or compelling emotion, but rather to the inherent defect of its method. It fails there when compared to the great lives that already occupy the field. Papini's book cannot by rights be placed among the great lives of Christ. It would not do to place him beside Renan, for Renan is so fine, so scholarly, so discerning, that he would make Papini seem rough; not beside Strauss, for Strauss with his intellect would make Papini look small; not beside Edersheim, whose massive erudition would make Papini look as transient as a tourist beside the Pyramids; nor even beside Farrar or David Smith, for these are both scholarly and scrupulous in detail, though not critical in the full sense of the word. No, Papini must be placed among the preachers, for the others wrote because they wanted to write the life of Christ, but Papini has written his life, because he wants to preach to us. It will be best all round to place him among the preachers, for it is possible, when a preacher comes forward with warm emotion and vigorous faith, to forgive an occasional outburst against the critics as "Voltairian vermin." After all they are a pretty dessicated crowd, when the heart is feeling its way to warmth and light, as Papini finds himself doing.

Dorothy Canfield has done the work of translation with such skill that her lively English is remarkably pleasant to read, and she has used her free style of translating so well that the aphoristic sayings in the book seem native to our tongue, and bear no mark of transformation. The half-dozen errors noted that would scarcely have escaped a scholar's eye form no serious blemish in a book of this nature.

This *Life of Christ* will have many ardent admirers, but will not influence the intellectual currents of the day. It illustrates the old truth that while intellect must scrutinize life and seek to control its forces, the mainspring of life

is something volcanic, incalculable; Papini is another case where the intellectual frame of thought has proved insufficient for the moral energy that he finds suddenly released within him.

So after all, we must look to the schools for the final life of Christ. It

will be written some day, but by a complete scholar fired by the requisite spiritual passion. Until it comes, the Gospels have still a quiet claim to be read, as brief, illuminating, and restrained accounts of the life of Jesus.

D. E. CAMERON.

Sparks from the Treasurer's Anvil

R. T. HOLLIES

The Treasurer has kept off your trail for many moons, but as the long evenings of winter steal o'er the land, the longing gold-seeker once more bestirs himself and requests that a shower of postal notes and other money-laden epistles be directed in his direction. Why this sudden burst of energy? Why this hounding on your trail? Why?—Why? It is but to broaden your trail and lighten your trail by the aid of "The Trail."

The following items will help you to trail a few of your old companions and chums over not a small portion of the globe.

Douglas Simpkin, Sc. '22, has moved from the town of Pittsburgh, Pa., where the more the work the more the smoke is the order of the day, to Rancagua, Chile, South America, where several feet of snow in July is quite "the" thing. Anyone interested in copper mining will do well to get in touch with "Doug." Write him c/o Braden Copper Co., Rancagua, Chile, S.A.

Lucille Barker, Arts '23, has moved to Sacramento, Calif., c/o Y.W.C.A., 1517-M-Street, where she is Girls' Work Secretary. We hope she will always continue to boost our Association as she already has done.

W. P. Campbell, Sc. in Arts '23, is close under the eye of the Treasurer, who has already extracted two simoleons from him. W. L. McDonald, Sc. '23, is also employed by the Industrial Research Dept., U. of A.

Thank you, Miss H. B. Tillotson, of 634 5th Ave. W., Calgary, for a kind word in favor of the "Trail." We hope you will take enough time off from teaching to read this number from cover to cover and tell us what you think of it.

Veteran, Alberta, is the address of Miss Lola M. Ferguson, Sc. in Arts '22; her occupation is left for you to guess.

W. S. McDonald, Sc. '15, came in to say "hello" to us a short time ago and also to see the U. of A. about taking some more

courses. He is still with the Water Power Branch, Calgary.

Dr. E. T. Mitchell, Ph.D., Arts '12, is teaching in the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, and he would be glad of news from some of the boys of Class '12.

A persistent rumor states that Charlie Carswell, Arts '15, has left Rimby and entered newspaper work in his home town at Red Deer.

Charlie Reilly, Sc. '20, was in Edmonton a short time ago and talked over old times with us and took pleasure or the other thing out of a U. of A. Senate meeting. Charlie is teaching in Western Canada College when not busy on his farm at Delia, Alberta.

Alex. Jackson, Sc. '23, reports a very good summer at Kimberly, B.C., where green backs are scarce but coin is plentiful. He says nothing about money in the Home Bank, so probably has saved his by sending it home.

N. A. Clark, Ph.D., Agric. '18, is busy researching and teaching chemistry at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; and then he took up golf.

Arthur Donaldson, president of Class '22, has left for California to engage in engineering work. He has promised to send us his address as soon as he finds it. Best o' luck, Pat!

Jimmy Adam, '22, is teaching at Bushland, Alberta, worthily filling the shoes of Ferdie Lehmann, who taught the same school a few sumemrs ago. Ask Ferdie.

A good many of Class '22 are teaching throughout the province. Helena Keith is at Wainwright, Eva McKittrick at Wetaskiwin, Nellie Robson at Red Deer, Daphne Garrison at Stettler, and Dorothy Diller at Vegreville. With all these torches lighted at the U. of A., the way of the younger generation should be well illuminated.

Dudley Pegrum, '22, and George Wilson, '23, are both teaching at Lethbridge. How about starting an Alumni Local?

Dick Bryden recently sent an interesting letter to the "Gateway" from 5526 Howe St., E. E. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He is working with the H. Koppers Co., Designers and Constructors of Horizontal Cross-regenerative By-product Coke and Gas Ovens. Whew! That's a regular display ad.

Has anyone heard from D. R. Michener? Rumor says that, having returned from Oxford, he has settled down in godless Ontario. Drop a line, Roly.

Don Philp, '22, is or was (which is it?) working with the "Toronto Star."

"Brub" MacDonald, B.S.A. has returned to Varsity for post grad work.

Dr. J. W. Scott, M.D., C.M., a former student of Alberta, has been appointed Lecturer in Bio-chemistry and House Physician to the students. Before coming to the University he was practising medicine at Czar, Alberta. We wish him every happiness in his work here and every happiness in connection with a "certain event" which took place a few months ago.

Dr. Joe Jackson, M.A. (Alta.), M.B. (Toronto), has returned to the University to occupy the post of Lecturer in Anatomy. He was also among those who decided this summer that a "home" was a worth while venture.

Drs. Vango, Bell, Melling, and Yakimishak, all former students of this university, are now working at the University Hospital.

Colvin Chadsey, B.A., spent the summer in Edmonton, and has now returned to complete the medical course at McGill.

Chris Dobry is another one who has gone to California to engage in business. She was admitted to the Alberta Bar before leaving.

When Bob Lamb arrived in England this fall, Perry Hamilton and George Ferguson went to London to meet him and escorted him to Oxford.

Clarke Gordon, '22, is now employed with the Gillespie Elevator Company, Edmonton.

Ivy Steele, we understand, is taking M.A. work at Columbia. What's it like down there?

Hugh John MacDonald, '21, and Ted Davis, '22, are teaching in Banff. Hugh John visited the University track meet this fall.

R. W. Evans, who is teaching at Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, attended the University Summer School this summer.

Elmslie Gardiner, '22, is still at the University of California, his fellowship having been extended.

Minnie Wershof is taking master's work here this term—not that she's ambitious, she says, but she couldn't bear teaching a rural school any longer.

Bill Jewitt, B.Sc. '23, has gone to work at the mines in Evansburg, Alberta.

Some of our graduates who have newly started teaching in the Edmonton schools are Katie McCrimmon, Agnes Fuog, Ina Bissel and Wilfred Wees. Ardis Cain is teaching at East Edmonton.

"Steve" Atkinson, '22, and Archie McGillivray, '21, we understand, are both at the Britannia Mines, B.C. Is this right?

Alan B. Harvey, '19, has returned from Oxford. During registration he rendered valuable assistance at the University. We have seen him lately drive a brand new coupe about town.

Jean McQueen is teaching school near Minburn.

That reminds us that Wray Drake is teaching in Consort.

Stuart Jaffray, '21, is still in Chicago, we believe. How about a little letter, Stuart?

Robert ("Pete") McQueen, '19, has taken up his duties as lecturer in Political Economy in the University of Saskatchewan.

Send us a little more news, you people! We'll stand the shock.

Marriages

Batson-Kittinger—Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Kittinger, Depew Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y., to Fred Batson, B.Sc. '20.

Buckingham-Towner—Daisy Towner to Ernest Buckingham, B.S.A. '21, at All Saints Church, Hove, nr. Brighton, England, on August 5, 1923.

Darling-Malcolmson—On July 3, 1923, Audrey Malcolmson, B.A. '21, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George H. Malcolmson, Edmonton, to E. Clare Darling.

Fetter-Hamilton—On September 8, 1923, Elfreda Dorothy, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Hamilton, Los Angeles, to Roy E. Fetter, B.A. '22.

Gray-Kirkpatrick—On Saturday, March 17, 1923, at Los Angeles, California, Elva Lucile Kirkpatrick, to Francis Willard Gray, Arts '21.

Huskins-Villy—At St. Stephen's Church, Calgary, on Saturday, August 18, 1923, Margaret Harman Villy, B.A. '22, to Leonard Charles Huskins, B.S.A. '23.

MacGibbon-Curry—At St. Peter's Church, Brockville, Ont., on Wednesday, August 29th, Dorothy Dalmer Curry, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Curry, to D. A. MacGibbon, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Political Economy, University of Alberta.

Moss-Shipley—At "Knapping Home," Denfield, Ont., August 23rd, Margaret McGowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Shipley, to E. H. Moss, Lecturer in Botany, University of Alberta.

Patton-Taylor—On September 5th, at Knox College, Toronto, Marguerite Irene Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taylor of Toronto, to H. S. Patton, of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta.

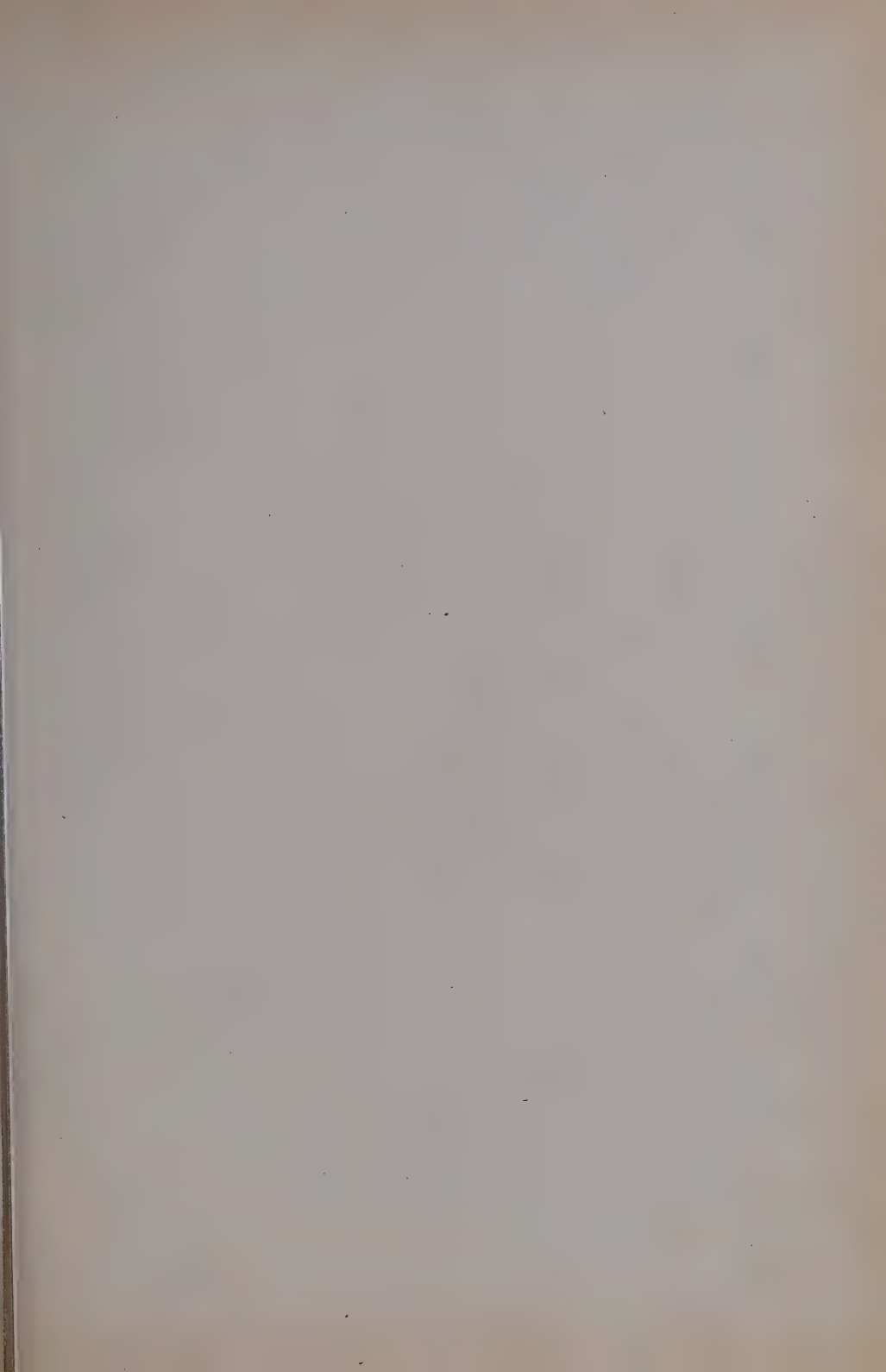
Shaner-Kimball—On June 27, at the house of Mr. D. E. Cameron, Librarian of the University, Jean Wesley Kimball, of Ludlow, Vermont, to Dr. R. F. Shaner, Associate Professor of Anatomy, University of Alberta.

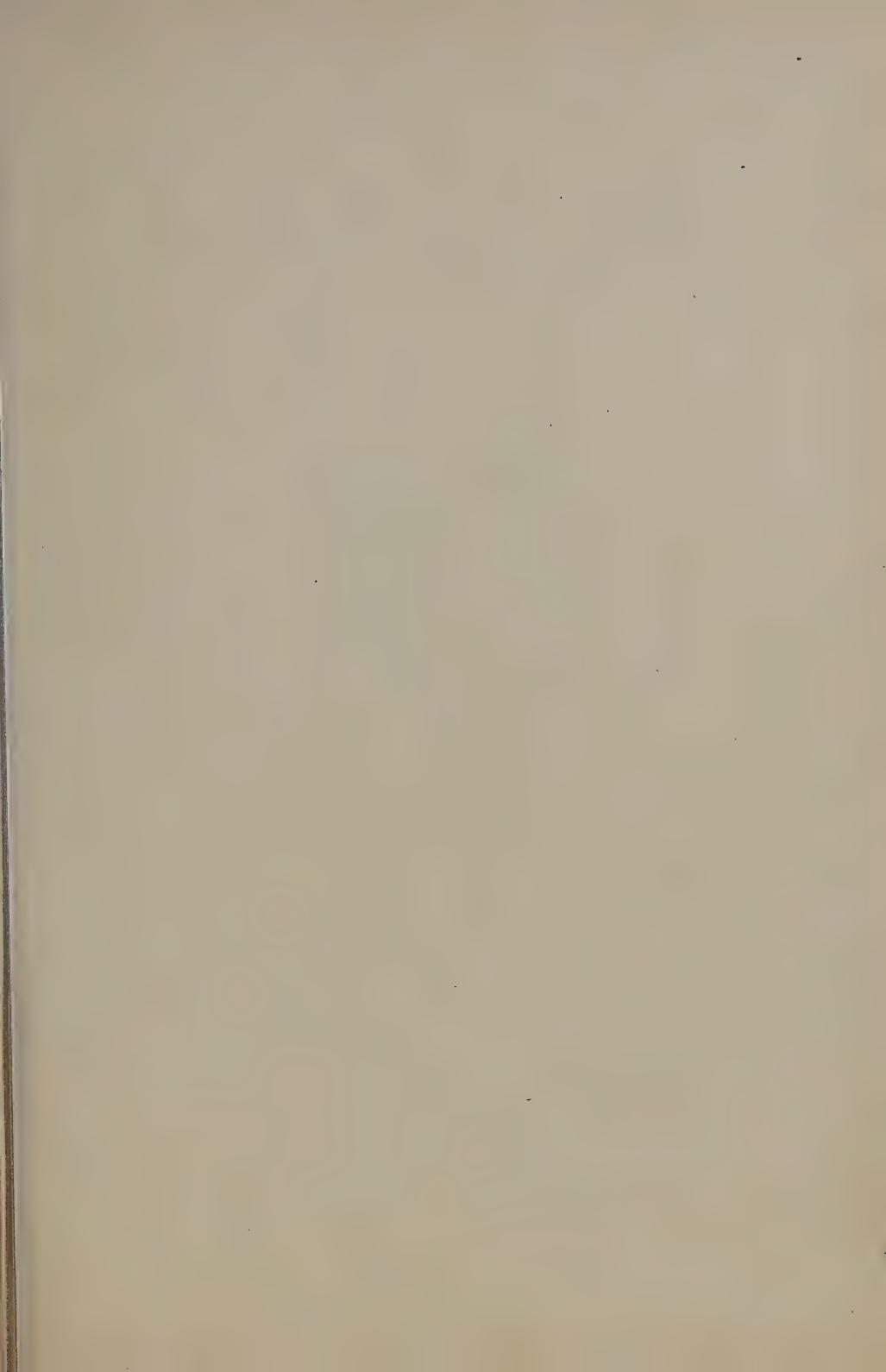
Villett-McLean—Minnie McLean to George H. Villett, B.A. '22, at Rideau Farm, home of the bride's parents, Millet, Alberta, on August 29, 1923.

Whitman-Stewart—Robina Jane Millicent, daughter of the Hon. Chas. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, to Frederick Primrose Whitman, B.Sc. '23, at Killam, Alberta, on July 19, 1923. The bride, familiarly known as "Jennie," was formerly a student in Household Economics at the U. of A.

Williams-Hull—On August 7, 1923, at White Sands Beach, Cooking Lake, Alberta, Louie Mildred Hull, B.A. '20, to David Edgar Williams.

Wilton-Clarke - Liesemer—On September 20, 1923, Beatrice Madeleine Liesemer, B.A. '16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Liesemer of Edmonton, to Harry W. Wilton-Clarke, student in Applied Science.





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Notes and Comments

Group singing in the University is at low ebb. There was a time when games and "lit." nights rang with

A College good (or, at least, hearty)
Song Book singing in the galleries.

This has largely given place to caterwauling. What songs are now sung are parodies on the popular tunes of the moment, which soon weary and pass away in spite of occasionally clever words. They are never widely known, and unless the whole student body knows the songs, it obviously cannot sing. Such ephemeral songs we will always have, and it is good to have them; but to be a singing community we must also have tunes that wear longer and words of more than topical interest. Many graduates will be surprised to learn that the present generation of students no longer "stuffs old Julius Caesar through a knot-hole in the fence," and that "Mary's soul to heaven went" long, long ago. Indeed, the old repertoire is gone, and the number of songs which the whole student body knows is now reduced to one. *Sic transit.*

But there are signs of revival. Undergraduates are sometimes heard complaining of the dearth; the Rooters' Club is trying to find original verses for use at games; a student has offered a prize for a University hymn, and, most hopeful, perhaps, is the enthusiasm of the Glee Club in learning songs that will surely become popular when the student body hears them.

Can the Alumni Association help? The greatest need is for a large and permanent collection of attractive songs—songs

whose appeal is more than transient, and which in the years to come will be binding ties between ten-years' graduates and ten-weeks' freshmen. The present song-books of eastern colleges do not suit us. Ours would have more of the West in it. Perhaps it would be too big an undertaking for Alberta alone, and it might be wise to seek the co-operation of our neighbors to produce a song-book of the Western Colleges. The work would require much time and thought, and should be the joint product of undergraduates and alumni. At any rate, the Alumni Association should take the initiative, and, if the time is ripe, should proceed with the plan at once. Incidentally, all profits from this book could be devoted to the War Memorial Fund. The *Trail* invites discussion.

Class Re-unions are cherished traditions in older colleges. Every five or ten years each class assembles, and its members come from far and near to spend Convocation time in renewing friendships, in recalling student days, and in paying tribute to their Alma Mater. What inspiration must all this give to younger generations still in college! This is college spirit. Class '12 has already held one decennial re-union and Class '22 have decided to meet in 1927. What are the others doing?

But you need not wait for class reunions. Convocation is a meeting of all graduates for the conferring of degrees, and all graduates should make an effort to attend. The return of alumni and

alumnae gives assurance to the University that her inspiration was not a passing thing and that her champions are not a few. Why not come back for Convocation Week, live in the University residence, and join in all the festivities and ceremonies? Convocation this year will take place on May 15. Hope to see you then!

We are eager to make the *Trail* an up-to-date record of the whereabouts and activities of all graduates of the U. of A., and to this end a number of active workers have been appointed to ferret out news of their classmates. Please do not wait, however, to be asked for information, but send it in to the *Trail*, or to your class representative. Remember that just as you look in these pages for news of others, others look for news of you.

The following are the News Representatives for the *Trail*:

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Mrs. D. Edgar Williams, Georgetown Apartments, Edmonton, Class '20.

Mr. H. J. Macdonald, Banff, Alberta, Class '21.

Miss Margaret Archibald, University of Alberta, Class '22.

Mr. W. A. Lang, University of Alberta, Class '23.

Mr. Geo. Bryan, 10186 119th St., Edmonton, Class '23.

The presidency of the Alumni Association having become vacant through the departure of Mr. D. J. Teviotdale for

California, the Executive and Advisory Councils have elected Miss Maimie Simpson to finish the term. Miss Simpson was formerly vice-president of the association, and this office has now been conferred on Mr. J. O. G. Sanderson.

TO ALUMNI WHAT RECEIVES BILLS SO COOLLY!

It's hot as the Hinges of Hell

And I hate to spend time writing letters
To Alumni who don't pay their dues.

Must I always be classed with the
sweaters?

I've a 1000 and 1 things to do

Besides sending duns by the dozen,
Say, won't you come up with what's due,
And silence my outrageous cussin'?

As a friend to a friend I appeal

To your wisdom, your wit and your
pocket

Don't shut up your safe with a seal,

Loosen up, use a pick, or unlock it!

I pray you, come clean with the "cush"

And don't drive me clean to distraction.

Make a sign, wave a flag, shake a bush.

Make a noise like a check-book in
action!

—*University of Virginia Alumni News.*

Give ear to this heart-rending wail!

Though the poetry's bad, it by golly's
The sentiments held by the *Trail*

And by Treasurer Robert T. Hollies.

—*Ed.*



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Meeting of the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association met at the Macdonald Hotel on Saturday, January 12, for its annual luncheon in honor of the graduating class. Special song sheets had been prepared for the occasion, and the spirit of the luncheon was much enlivened by the group-singing led by Ted Gowan and accompanied by Ewart Stutchbury. A few words of welcome to the seniors were spoken by Miss Maimie Simpson, president of the association, and were responded to by Sig. Nielson, president of Class '24.

A most pleasing number on the programme was a vocal solo, "Of All the Tribe of Tegumai," by Miss Margaret Gold. Miss Gold has recently returned to Edmonton from studying abroad, and her singing was, as usual, much appreciated.

The main number of the programme was a paper read by Professor E. D. McPhee, dealing with some of the criticisms levelled at present day educational institutions and practices. These criticisms, said the speaker, charges of extravagance and incompetency, are being voiced everywhere and, as a result, there has arisen a scepticism as to whether present-day educators have or have not gone beyond the mandate given them by society. This criticism has led in some cases to a revision of the curriculum, and in England and Scotland particularly there is much discussion as to whether the increased school-leaving age is justified. In general, Mr. McPhee considers that the complaints may be summed up in three crucial statements.

The first of these is that the system of education is costing too much. It is true that by comparing the educational statistics of 1911 and 1921 we find that the cost has certainly increased, but, said the speaker, we must make the comparison by taking as a unit the cost per pupil. We must also take into account the fact that

the purchasing power of the dollar was considerably greater in 1911. If we consider this we find that the cost per pupil has not really increased, even though departments of school nursing, technical work, etc., have been introduced.

The second of the criticisms is that the modern curriculum is too diversified, and that while many "frills" have been added, the solid body of knowledge is being lost. These changes are not, however, necessarily evidence that the system of education is declining. Education has no constant ideals or standards, but depends upon the ever-changing ideals and requirements of society. The matter of technical training was to a certain extent assumed by the schools on account of the fact that the system of apprenticeship has died out, and many changes in the curriculum have arisen from society's increased consciousness of social problems. Experiments are being carried on to determine just what subjects are most valuable for certain classes of pupils, and there is a tendency at the present time to group many of the subjects into broader divisions, as for example the new general science course in the Alberta high school curriculum.

The third criticism is that there are too many students in the higher educational institutions such as high schools and universities. Higher examination standards are advocated in order to base the selection of these students upon their own ability. From the results of intelligence and accomplishment tests, however, the speaker pointed out that though the personnel of the high schools and universities would by this method be somewhat changed, the number would not be decreased, unless a definite policy of exclusion was determined upon.

In his concluding remarks the speaker stressed the fact that this policy of exclusion would be by no means a wise one

for us to adopt. This is a new country whose resources have not yet been all opened up. We need for its development not a few highly trained leaders, but a broadly educated population. An increase of our educational systems will pay finan-

cially, it will aid in the development of our country, and it will increase our social understanding.

A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by W. Dixon Craig and seconded by Mr. Grimmett.

Research Grants to the University of Alberta

In the last issue of the *Trail* mention was made of help given by the Research Council of Canada in the carrying on of research work by graduates of the University of Alberta. We are now in a position to state more fully how the Research Council has promoted science in the University during the last two or three years. It will be noticed that the grants made last year were more numerous than in any previous year, the Council apparently being satisfied that the money was well spent.

In the Department of Physics in 1921 and 1922 Dean R. W. Boyle received \$5,000, and Professor S. Smith and Mr. J. F. Lehmann \$500 each. Professor Smith's work was in connection with the Air Board of Canada, and Mr. Lehmann's studentship was for research under Dean Boyle. To Professor C. A. Robb, of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, the Air Research Committee of the Council has made grants which, over a period of three years, amount to \$4,500 to aid in finding ways of starting aero-engines in cold weather.

During 1923, as already mentioned, bursaries of \$750 each were given to Mr. J. O. G. Sanderson to continue his research in connection with some of the geological deposits in Alberta, and to Mr. C. D. Reid for work in Physics. Professor F. J. Lewis was given \$400 to cover expenses in research on the seasonal changes in food materials in evergreen leaves. Professor R. Newton was enabled to continue his very important studies on the winter hardiness of wheat

by a grant of \$2,000. Three thousand dollars was voted to Professor Collip to continue the study of Insulin; and \$600 to Professor H. J. McLeod for investigations in electrical dynamos. To Mr. W. J. K. Harkness, lecturer in the Department of Zoology, the Council voted \$800 for the beginning of a study of the breeding methods of the sturgeon. Although this work is being done in the lakes of Ontario for the present, it is believed that it will have great significance in relation to the fisheries of the northern lakes of Alberta. Lastly, Professor Lehmann has been granted \$1,000 for continuing the study of the chemical substances in the bituminous sands.

The above grants are significant of the confidence held by the Research Council of Canada in the value of the contributions these gentlemen are making for the advancement of science and of national prosperity. Further grants are under consideration.

Dr. Collip's work on insulin continues to bring recognition. In the last issue we mentioned a \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Trust. President Tory is now in receipt of a letter from Dr. Simon Flexner, Director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, containing a special gift for the University of Alberta Hospital of \$5,000 in cash from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for the purpose of extending the use of insulin. Mr. Rockefeller, some time ago, made gifts to a number of hospitals in the United States and Canada to make possible the use of insulin for patients who

are not able to secure it themselves. In the letter accompanying the gift to the University of Alberta Hospital, it is stated that the purposes of the gifts are to increase the number of public ward and dispensary patients who may be treated with insulin and to teach physicians in general practice the proper method of employing insulin in the treatment of diabetes. The authorities of the University are very grateful indeed for the gift because it will enable them to extend greatly the use of insulin. Heretofore,

they have been handicapped to a considerable extent by the fact that there was no fund in the hospital upon which they could call in special emergencies. Mr. Rockefeller definitely stipulates that the money is not to be used for salaries or fees. The work of the Diabetic Department of the University is under the direction of Dr. Heber Jamieson and Dr. J. B. Collip. They are both greatly pleased at the opportunity of extending the diabetic services.

Northern Factors in Western Progress

R. C. WALLACE

PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA.

Dr. Wallace visited the University in November as exchange-professor from the University of Manitoba. His chief address, to the whole University, was entitled "Ourselves and the Universe." He also gave lectures to the students in mining and geology, and at the faculty dinner in his honour he spoke on "Human Relationships in the North Country." Professor Wallace was for some years Commissioner of Northern Manitoba for the government, a fact which makes the following article an extremely valuable contribution to the Trail. In a prelude, which through lack of space we regretfully omit, Professor Wallace states that, for good or ill, the Western outlook is exclusively forward. Western progress in the past was made entirely in this spirit of optimism, which has proven no unmingled blessing. Our attitude is being modified, and one of the most powerful agencies in this change is the realization that another West stretches to the north of the settled plains. What is the contribution of the North?

In any analysis of the contributions which the North is making and will make to the upbuilding of a western people, we would place first the historical contribution. In a country whose written history is of recent date and of meagre proportions, the earliest landmarks assume especial importance and must be jealously cherished. The foundations of trade in Western Canada were laid in the north; the conflict between British and French authority was fought out on the bleak shores of Hudson Bay; and the beginnings of British rule in Western Canada may be traced to trade enterprise in search of fur in what is now Northern

Manitoba. While in more settled territory, the story of the last two centuries is fast being obliterated in the flowing tide of civilization, in the North the voyages of LaVerandrye, Hearne or MacKenzie may be retraced today with the same landmarks to guide, even as though the centuries had not sped. The atmosphere of the past hangs over the northern outpost. The traveller re-enacts in memory, as though without effort, the dramas of rival fur brigades on the lower Saskatchewan River, or the dangers and loneliness of the trader holding to his far outpost in order to establish his company in the territory against the depredations

of his hated rival. To a man seized with the spirit of the past, on his first views of the waters of Hudson Bay, there appears before his mental gaze the lonely and pathetic, though indomitable, figure of Henry Hudson adrift on its waters with his faithful companions, a conqueror in his tragic defeat. The grim ruins of Fort Prince of Wales, pre-eminent among the treasures of the past in our western land, recall the dignity and the aspirations of the Great Company so amply justified in its later history, though the gallant La-Perouse when he shattered the walls of this stronghold dealt a blow to the pride of the Company which even today hurts not a little. In such an atmosphere, redolent of the past, the senior pupils of the school of a northern town have been found to take a keen personal interest in a course of study on the early explorers, the course being directed by business and professional men and women of the town. That, I take it, is an evidence of the very real contribution—a contribution in imponderables—which the vivid history of northern territory is making to our materialistic western life. The extraordinary interest which people display in the north and things northern may be explained only through that halo of romance which to them surrounds the north; and the main element of the romance is not—to the better read at least—the unexplored and the unknown, but the vestiges that yet remain of the *voyageur* and *coureur du bois*.

The justification of the north must come, however, through its material assets, and the justification for northern adventure and enterprise must rest in the argument that those assets are of sufficient importance to demand exploitation. Not infrequently one finds expressed the point of view that the north should be left to the fur traders, and that any attempt at development is mistaken economics. As the fur resources of the north are yet, after a couple of centuries of business, the most important asset from the point of view of production, and as industrial development of other sources of wealth will inevitably, despite the most careful measures of conservation, lead to the serious diminution, if not the

extinction, of the fur bearing animals, the *laissez faire* attitude of the fur company merits at least careful examination, in case it may prove to be something more than merely selfish. There is to be found in every community the adventurous spirit, the pioneer to whom old trails have no fascination. Under present day western conditions he moves northwards, and becomes the prospector, the timber cruiser, the outpost trader. To such men we are indebted for the discovery of northern wealth, and such men the north will always produce. On their heels follow the scientist, who investigates conditions; the engineer, who appraises values; the business-man, who checks up working costs, and the financier who supplies the capital for development. But, the *fons et origo* of northern exploitation is that small but never negligible element in our population to whom civilization is anathema, and to whom the north never calls in vain.

It is obvious to all who know northern territory that vast areas will for all time remain uninhabited and undeveloped. Barren granite country, already devastated by forest fire and with only limited soil covering, has no commercial future under industrial conditions as we now conceive them. Such country is all too widespread. Northern progress will take place, as it is even now taking place, in isolated areas far removed the one from the other, and in most cases far removed from present transportation systems. And in the overwhelming majority of cases, the first reason for development will be a mineral deposit. It requires only a study of the conditions to convince, and a review of the development to date to verify, that northern progress depends primarily on our mineral resources. An orebody is, on development, a wasting and non-renewable asset. The other resources of the north—the water-powers, forests, fisheries and fur—are, with careful conservation renewable and permanent, and must be considered in that light in any scheme of administration. But the starting point of the utilization of those permanent assets will normally be found to be the mining camp, the normal life of which is 25 years. The

readily realisable wealth of an orebody is the justification for the providing of transportation facilities; the mining population provides the market for the market gardener and the stock farmer; while the developing of the water-power necessary for mining operations may lead to a pulp industry where such an industry could not previously be developed on an economical basis. To take a pertinent case within the boundaries of my own province. In the Flin Flon district there are today only a few prospectors. When the copper market becomes normal and development of the orebody becomes feasible, a camp will be opened which on a daily tonnage of two thousand tons of ore will have a duration of at least thirty-seven years. A thousand workmen will be employed, who, with their families will give a ready market for the produce of the soil where now there is no agricultural production. Railway communication will be provided over an eighty-five-mile stretch where transportation facilities do not now exist. This will give an opportunity to the fishermen to operate the winter fishing industry on numerous lakes as yet untapped. Fifteen thousand h.p. will be developed for the mine and smelter where now no water power is utilized; and in all likelihood a power site will be chosen where a much larger block of power may be developed and utilized in part to initiate a pulp industry. The establishing of a customs smelter will stimulate the development of other copper properties not sufficiently extensive to justify the capital expenditure on individual smelter plants. The list is only a partial one, but it is sufficient to show that an important mining camp, in itself not permanent, opens up the more lasting resources and establishes a settlement, part of which will be permanent.

In this way industrial life will develop in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan boundary area, which will profoundly affect the business attitude and commercial outlook of the provinces. In similar fashion, in some, at least, of the gold camps at Herb Lake, Knee Lake, Rice Lake and Beaver Lake, centres of population will be formed around the pro-

ductive mines, and good transportation systems will be developed where today the canoe and the dog train are the only means of travel. The tar sands of the Athabaska River Valley, when an economic method of utilization has been perfected, will find very varied and extensive uses in the industries. The Smoky River coal area, a very important field, lies far north of the National Railway system in Northern Alberta. The Stewart mining division of Northern British Columbia bids fair to take the first place of importance in that mining province. And we now realize that the national and international consequences that would follow the establishing of large oil fields in the Northwest Territories would indeed be profound.

These few examples may serve to show that mineral resources are the point of departure in northern progress. But they do not stand alone. It would appear to competent observers of western conditions that engineers will now be compelled to turn their attention definitely from railway building, and towards the utilization of our water-powers—that one asset which need suffer no diminution through constant usage. We stand even yet merely on the threshold of an electrical age. No one has travelled on the magnificent waters of the Nelson River but has been overawed by the display of power on its falls and rapids. It is true that the sites are somewhat remote from present centres of transportation. It is the case, too, that only where mineral and pulp resources are within reasonable distance of available sites will there be opportunity to develop those powers. Indications now point to the first site on the great river of the north—at the Whitemud Falls—being developed within a few years, if industrial conditions re-establish themselves reasonably quickly. The water-powers, mineral assets, and pulp areas will mutually react in the general scheme of industrial progress. And it is not visionary to picture for the future chemical undertakings such as the manufacture of fertilizers established on northern water powers, in cases where availability of power is the important factor, and the bulk weight

of the manufactured product small in comparison to its value.

The question may be asked—and it is a very important question—whether it is sound policy under present conditions to consider assets far removed from the main centre of population in our provinces. It may be argued and indeed it is argued in some business quarters, that there is a danger that our provinces may follow the unfortunate example of boom-period towns, and build too widely for the population of the present or immediate future, with the consequence that the onus of non-paying utilities must be shouldered by the people of the present and the next generation. To our mind, it is no doubt the case that part of our northern wealth cannot be utilized until the population of our prairies is at least doubled. However sympathetic the farmers may be to northern development—and they take a real interest in northern progress—financial problems press heavily in their as yet only sparsely filled municipalities, and surplus wealth will not in quantity be available for northern projects until the vacant spaces in our available farming lands are filled. The responsibility of the governments consists, in our opinion, not in any forced scheme of settlement in the north, but in very carefully estimating the various assets which northern territory contains, and in supplying analyses of costs and profits—so far as that may be possible—for each particular industry that might be based on northern assets. Thus will our provincial governments act as the mediums of communication between north country and capital; and only such undertakings as are sound, and will carry the capital costs of transportation systems, will be established. The day of loose talk on our inexhaustible resources is, we trust, gone forever.

There is a third contribution which northern life and northern conditions make to our western outlook. It is more intangible but probably no less real, than the historical and material factors. It may be described, in broad terms, as the contribution of a point of view. It has been indicated that the wide spaces of the

north have a subtle attraction, and that that attraction lies in part in the atmosphere of the past that hangs over the rivers, trails and outposts. But there is something even more subtle in the spell of the north. Our western life is, at best, still somewhat sordid and uncouth. The broad expanse of prairie may impress but it does not elevate. The prairie town may be, and is, a practical expedient as a nucleus of distribution to the men of the soil; but its aesthetic value is as yet merely negative. The lonely homesteader has but little opportunity to hand, had he the time, to feast on the beauties of nature. We are in danger of expressing the values of life in material terms, not necessarily because we wish to, but because the environment of our prairie homes provides but little option. From this danger the lone spaces of the north, no less than the mountain ranges of the Rockies and Selkirks, provide an avenue of safety. On the Scottish moorland the cry of the whaup over the graves of the Martyrs made its appeal to the heart of Robert Louis Stevenson. The plaintive call of the loon, when night has fallen over our northern lakes, bespeaks in similar fashion to the lonely camp by the lake shore, the depth of sadness that broods over the wilderness, the deep restful sadness of nature and the cry of yearning through all human experience. The full-throated note of the water-fall, near the sound of which the northern traveller delights to camp, lulls to sleep as gently as did the swish of the waves of the sea on the pebble beach to some of us as children in our seagirt homes. There are many to whom the sound of rushing waters is nature's great sedative when troubles are apt to oppress. The depth of color of the evening sky when the wind from the west has fallen with the setting sun, the dark purple over the eastern horizon, accentuated by the brilliancy of the tints towards the west when the last rays strike upwards against the cloud masses—to the northern nature-worshiper there seems to stand ajar through it all the very Gate of Heaven. The restful beauty of inland lake, fringed against the setting sun by the darker and lighter green of spruce and poplar, the stillness

of all animate things, the vastness of the territory as yet unspoiled by man, the overwhelming sense of aloneness—all influences combine to compel the city man to readjust his sense of values and impress on the pioneer resident of the north a type of character which is not without its influence on our modern structure of society. Face to face with nature unessentials disappear. The trappings with which our social life has decked itself fall away; and the naturalness of human relationships stands unobscured by flimsy conventionality. The men of the north are intensely human and essentially straightforward and frank. Their interpretation of the social code may not in every respect be orthodox, but at any rate the prayer of the Pharisee is not theirs. They believe in their country, they believe in the other man, and they believe in themselves. And if in isolated settlements misunderstandings on matters of trivial importance arise, as they unfortunately do, the explanation lies rather in the essential difficulty that men and women experience who are continuously thrown together in small communities, of adjusting themselves into harmony without any larger interest to take their attention than the petty round of daily tasks.

But the dominant note of inspiration in northern endeavor is the quiet faith that the dreams will come true before the sun has gone down on life's last effort. In our highly organized community life in the larger centres, cares press too heavily, and a slight maladjustment of the complicated machinery may throw the whole system distressingly out of gear. The individual is to such a degree dependent on circumstances beyond his control, that hands may well be thrown up in very despair. Personality has limited scope and individuality disappears. For many under such conditions the outlook seems dismal and life loses much of its zest. In northern lake and forest, far from human support, the prospector or trapper stands firm in his own strength, and wins through by his own endeavor. His is an individuality accustomed to fight through alone. He is strong in his own unaided resources. To

such a man the future holds few cares. Responsibilities bear not heavily, and the morrow will provide. The great calmness of nature broods over the land, and cares and doubts are trivial and useless. Amid such surroundings the men of the north draw their strength and courage for life's battles. They have staked their all in a country in which they believe and they feel confident that it will not fail them. Only those who have lived in frontier territory can fully realize how powerful a part this gospel plays in the life of our country. Disappointments may come, and do come, but they are accepted in the spirit of the sportsman, never in that of the grumbler. It is the indomitable spirit of the northland, the spirit that must inevitably win through; and generations of tired city dwellers will continue to draw fresh strength and courage, not from the deep repose of the wilderness alone, but from the high-spirited, light-hearted, undaunted pioneer of the northern trails, until the population of the Canadian West is many times what it is today. That is a real contribution which will not fail us.

Professor Goldschmidt writes from Berlin under date July 25th:—"The readers of *Science* might be interested in the following item: Today the Prussian Academy of Science voted this year's research grants. I have added to each its value in gold at today's rate of exchange: Professor Guthnick for thermo-electric measurements of stars, 100,000 marks=22 cents; Professor Pompecky, for his work on the Tendaguru fossils, 80,000 marks=18 cents; Dr. F. Lëng for his work on the physiology of cell-division, 20,000 marks=4 cents. The highest award is for work on Egyptian texts, 500,000 marks=\$1.11. Further comment seems unnecessary."—*Science*.

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University Steer Exhibit at Eastern Shows

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For the third time the Department of Animal Husbandry of the University of Alberta has sent an exhibit of steers of the three leading beef breeds to the eastern shows, and as a result of the splendid showing made, the thoughts of farmers of Eastern Canada and the United States have been turned once more to the Province of Alberta as a cattle producing country. What was demonstrated by the exhibits sent in 1920 and 1922 has again been demonstrated by the exhibit of 15 head of Shorthorn, Hereford and Aberdeen-Angus steers which left the University barns on November 7th, and which returned on December 19th. This display of Alberta beef has made it plain to stockmen in the older parts of Canada, and to those across the "line", that this part of the Dominion has the class of stock, the quality and variety of feeds, and the accompanying conditions which enable it to compete with any country in the production of meat-producing animals.

A word or two about the method by which the University of Alberta is able to make this exhibit might not be out of place, as there are undoubtedly some who are not familiar with the details of the scheme. The plan of developing and exhibiting the steers is one of co-operation between the breeders of the Province and the University. Breeders who have high-class calves which they would like to see developed for exhibition purposes, donate them to the University, and these, along with others bred at this institution are fed and handled in a manner that will insure them reaching the show-ring in the best possible condition. The results of the scheme are mutually beneficial since the one who contributes the steer gets the credit as the breeder of the animal, and the University has available a variety of excellent material for use in the judging pavilion with classes in animal husbandry. And, as has been pointed out already, the Province of Alberta does not suffer as a result of the prizes won by

these steers when they compete with the best on the continent at the eastern shows.

To return to the performance of the 1923 exhibit, the first show visited was the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at Toronto. This is Canada's greatest livestock show, and here the competition is quite international in character, since there is a fair sprinkling of exhibits from the United States. In the Shorthorn classes at this show the University of Alberta won third and fifth place in the junior calf class on steers bred by J. Chas. Yule, Carstairs, and the University, respectively. In the junior yearling class, fifth prize was won with a steer bred by James Sharpe, of Lacombe, and sixth with a steer bred by William Sharpe, of the same town. In the senior yearling class, fourth prize was taken with the steer, Craigievar Mascot, bred by Wm. Sharpe, Lacombe. This steer was shown last year and among his various winnings was the championship of the breed at the Guelph Winter Fair. Fewer animals were shown in the Hereford classes, but more sensational wins were made. In the senior calf class, second and fourth positions were taken by steers bred by the University, while in the junior yearling class another University-bred steer won first place and was later made champion of the breed and reserve grand champion of the entire show. In the Aberdeen-Angus classes prizes ranging from first to sixth were won. In the junior calf class sixth place was won on a steer bred by Clemens Bros., Sedgewick. In the junior yearling class first and fourth places were won by steers donated by the Dominion Experimental Farm, Lacombe, and A. E. Noad, Olds, Alberta. A steer contributed by C. H. Richardson, Bowden, and which was exhibited last year, stood at the top of the class for senior yearlings.

Following the Toronto Royal, the exhibit was divided, nine steers going to the Guelph Fair and six to the Inter-

national Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. These two shows were held during the same week, making it necessary to split the exhibit in this way. At the Guelph Winter Fair, which is an old established and keenly contested show, a total of eight prizes were won by the University steers. In the Shorthorn classes, the following wins were made: Third in the junior calf class with a steer bred by the University, first in the senior calf class by another University bred steer, and first in the junior yearling class with a steer donated by the late James Sharpe, of Lacombe. This steer was later made champion of the breed. In the Hereford division third place was won in the senior calf class with a steer bred on the University Farm, and first place in the junior yearling class with a steer donated by S. D. Blair, Red Deer. A calf donated by Clemens Bros., Sedgewick, was placed third in the Aberdeen-Angus junior calf class, while the C. H. Richardson steer was given a similar position in the senior yearling class as that awarded at Toronto.

The University steers did not win any first prizes at the International, but when the strength of this wonderful show

is taken into consideration, it is a matter for congratulation that they were able to get well up to the top of their respective classes. The International, the world's greatest livestock show, draws exhibits from practically every State of the Union and every Province in Canada, and there the University steers had to contend with animals from old established cattle producing areas which had been fitted to the nth degree. In the Shorthorn division, the steer donated by J. Chas. Yule, Carstairs, won fourth place in the junior calf class, while Craigievar Mascot, one of the steers contributed by Wm. Sharpe, Lacombe, won fifth in the senior yearling class. One award was captured in the Hereford classes, that being eighth prize in the senior calf class on a steer bred by the University, and one in the Aberdeen-Angus section on the junior yearling steer from the Lacombe Experimental Farm.

With the steers back in the University barns after their successful tour, there will be few classes on the continent of North America who will have more high-class material for judging work in beef cattle than those attending the University of Alberta.

\$500,000 Grant to Medical Faculty

The handsomest gift that the University has ever received was recently made when the Rockefeller Foundation presented \$500,000 for the upkeep of the Medical School.

There are two great philanthropic foundations in New York which bear the name of Mr. Rockefeller, both of which were founded and endowed by him, the Rockefeller Institute and the Rockefeller Foundation. The former is devoted entirely and specifically to research, and the latter to the promotion of medical education and medical knowledge throughout the world. The funds at the disposal of the Foundation reach the

vast total of approximately one hundred and seventy-five million dollars.

In making an additional gift of fifty millions to the Foundation at Christmas, 1919, Mr. Rockefeller spoke appreciatively of Canada's effort in the war, and suggested that part of this sum might be devoted to the assistance of Canadian medical education. The large sum of five million dollars was generously appropriated to the Dominion by the Foundation, and as a result Dalhousie University, McGill University, Toronto University, and now the University of Alberta have been liberally assisted. The purpose of this assistance is to enable

these medical colleges to become schools of the first rank.

The President of the University approached Dr. Vincent, President of the Foundation, to see whether the University of Alberta might share in the gift to Canada. Dr. Pearce, the Medical Director of the Foundation, visited Edmonton, and was so satisfied with the conditions that he saw developing at the University that he agreed to pay the interest on a capital sum of \$500,000 to aid in the development of the Medical School, and suggested further that the whole half-million dollars might ultimately be given if the Medical School made the necessary progress to warrant it. Last year the Medical School received class "A" standing from the American Medical Association. This autumn Dr. Pearce communicated with the University, and stated that he was prepared to recommend to the Rockefeller Foundation the handing over of the capital sum to the University. At the meeting of the Board of the Foundation on December 6th, the Board formally approved of the recommendations, and the University is now in possession of this princely gift.

UNIVERSITY COURSES FOR CALGARY TEACHERS

At the request of the Calgary teachers the University of Alberta has commenced giving certain courses in that city similar to the special courses that the Edmonton teachers have taken for some time. Psychology 51 (General and Experimental Psychology) and Psychology 55 (Educational Psychology) are being given in Calgary by Mr. S. Laycock, M.A., B.D., B.Educ., of the University staff. The classes meet in the Institute of Technology on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12:30. During the session they will complete half the courses, and the arrangement is that they shall come up to Summer School and complete the other half and be given credit at the University for these courses, either as undergraduate or graduate work.

It is gratifying to note that these lectures are given at the request of the Calgary teachers; and, no doubt, if there

is a demand next year as well, the work will be continued along the lines set down for the Bachelor of Education degree. The classes are proceeding very satisfactorily, about fifty being registered for each course, which is ten more than the required number. Mr. Hutton, of the Calgary Normal School is the registrar. Former students of the University of Alberta who are enrolled are: Miss W. Blow, Miss H. Tillotson, Miss R. McCosham and Mr. C. Reilly.

CLASS '24 WINS THE SHIELD IN DRAMATICS

The exclusion of J. M. Barrie from this year's play competition was a welcome change, for, fine though he is, we were being cloyed with sweetness. For the first time a Canadian play, "Brothers in Arms," by Merril Denison, was included on the programme, and in the hands of the Juniors it suffered nothing. The Senior class won the shield by a finished rendering of Galsworthy's "Punch and Go." The production of these two plays was far superior to that of the others. It must be said in favor of the Sophomores, however, that their play, "Wurzel-Flummery," by A. A. Milne, was perhaps the most difficult. To do justice to the persiflage of a writer who received his training in *Punch*, requires insight and smoothness, which the actors did not show. The Freshmen presented "The Florist Shop," a bit of banality written in the play-writing course at Harvard. Of such a weak play it was impossible to make a distinguished performance.

The stage-management was better than formerly, and aided much in the success of the evening. One wonders, however, whether the competition might not advantageously be spread over two nights. Failing this change, it should commence earlier in the evening, for by the time we had our customary feed at the Tuck, after the show, one a.m. was drawing near.

Class '24 has distinguished itself by winning the shield twice, the other time being when it was the Freshman class.

DR. BROADUS WILL EDIT BOOKS

Professor Broadus has been invited by the Clarendon Press, Oxford, to edit a selection from the works of the seventeenth century author, Thomas Fuller, for "The Clarendon Series," of which Mr. Nichol Smith, of Oxford, is general editor.

Thomas Fuller (1608-1661) is best remembered for his witty character-studies in "The Holy and Profane State," and for his "Worthies of England," a series of biographical essays which have been a mine of information for later historians. He was famous among the "Wits" of his day.

The edition of Fuller will consist of a critical introduction, a selection from his works with notes, and a selection of essays on Fuller's life and work.

Among other contributors to "The Clarendon Series" are Professor G. S. Gordon (the late Sir Walter Raleigh's successor at Oxford), Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch of Cambridge, and Mr. R. W. Chapman, editor of the new Oxford edition of Jane Austen.

Professor Broadus is also engaged on an edition of the poems of Charles Heavyside to be included in a series of Canadian poets now being issued by the Ryerson Press of Toronto.

A NEW COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

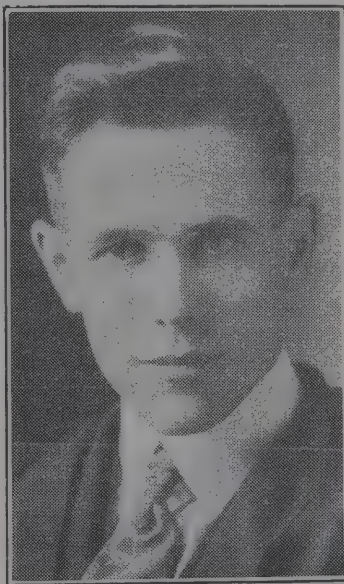
A definite four-year course leading to the degree of B.Sc. in Agriculture has been organized and dates its beginning from the present session. Junior matriculation is the required entrance standing.

Hitherto, a student wishing to obtain a degree was obliged to spend two years at one of the Provincial Schools of Agriculture, after which he took a three-year course at the University. No definite standard of entrance was required at the agricultural schools; thus the new arrangement presents the advantages of standardization and consolidation with the reduction of one year in the time required. Graduates of these schools wishing to continue their course at the University are, if they have

obtained matriculation besides, allowed one year's credit on the new four-year course; and those who have not the standing required for the degree course may at any time enrol as special students in the directly agricultural work.

A much higher standard of efficiency and scholarship is, through the recent reorganization, placed within the reach of the ambitious student.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



John Cassels

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

John Cassels, of Calgary, is the 1924 Rhodes scholar—a very popular choice. We can readily agree with the *Calgary Albertan* in describing Mr. Cassels as an ideal Rhodes scholar, for besides playing on the Senior Rugby team, editing the *Gateway*, debating for the University, sitting on the Council, and indulging in other such pastimes, he has consistently reached first-class standing in his examinations. Mr. Cassels is a member of Class '24.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

To Arthur R. Morgan, B.A. '22, belongs the honour of being first holder of a scholarship of 7,000 francs awarded to the University of Alberta by the French Government for the encouragement of study in France. Mr. Morgan came back to the University last fall for post-graduate work in English and French, but on receiving this scholarship he left for Paris, where he will hold the award for the current calendar year. We regret that Mr. Morgan's photograph is not available.

DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

The I.O.D.E. Overseas scholarship for a year's study in any British University has been awarded to Jack McClung, B.A., '23. Mr. McClung is well known to graduates and undergraduates for his numerous student activities—the Council, *The Gateway*, the C.O.T.C., the Students' Court, and others. This spring he will graduate from the Faculty of Law, and in the fall will continue his law studies at Oxford.



John W. McClung, B.A.

ODD BITS

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION held an informal dance in Convocation Hall on the evening of November 23. Cards commenced the evening and were followed by dancing to the music of the University Dance Orchestra. During the supper interval the crowd gathered round the piano and sang the old college songs.

WHEN AT THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION take a look at the exhibit of grains and other field crops sent by the University of Alberta in conjunction with the dominion and provincial governments. The Department of Extension is also sending a small display of photographs of the University.

TAR SANDS development will be carried out on a larger scale during the coming year. A separation plant is to be built by the government at the Dunvegan railway yards in Edmonton, and work will be prosecuted along the lines of the process already developed at the University laboratories. The research council has also decided upon a survey of the entire bituminous sand field in the McMurray district by Dr. K. A. Clark, under whose direction the road paving experiments have been made during the past year. Dr. Clark will make a full report on the extent, character and industrial possibilities of the deposits.

Fanny's First Plan (Shaw) and *The Tents of the Arabs* (Dunsany) have been chosen by the Dramatic Society for presentation in March. Rehearsals are now under way.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION for the Advancement of Science is expected to visit the University of Alberta after its annual conference in Toronto next summer. This visit will be an event of the first importance, 1909 being the last year that the Association visited us, perhaps the delegates will notice a change in the University. The General Faculty Council has placed the preparation for the

coming event in the hands of the following committee: President Tory, Dean Boyle, Dean Kerr, Professors Allan, Downs, Lehmann, MacEachran and Newton.

BRAVO, SENIORS! They have kept their class fees down to six dollars, the lowest in many years. The class secretary announces that 154 students are to graduate next spring. Such definite assurance must be comforting to the members of Class '24. Here's hoping they all join the Alumni Association to celebrate!

THE SHAKESPEREAN FIRST-FOLIO TER-CENTENARY was fittingly celebrated at the December meeting of the Dramatic Society, at which about 150 people were present. The papers read were: "With Manningham at *Twelfth Night*," by Dr. E. K. Broadus; "English Literature Without Shakespeare," by Dr. R. K. Gordon; "Shakespeare and the Art of Composition," by Mr. F. M. Salter, of the Department of English; and "Shakespeare's Songs," by Miss Barbara Villy, '23. A very attractive part of the programme was the singing of Shakespearean songs by Mr. Allan Harvey, '19.

THE NEW EDITOR of the *Gateway* is Bruce Macdonald. Under an arrangement inaugurated in recent years, the editor holds office during the calendar year, and not during the academic year as formerly.

THE EVERGREEN AND GOLD, as the undergraduate year book is called, has now been taken under the wing of the Students' Council. Under the new arrangement the Council appoints the editor and business manager and accepts all financial responsibility.

INITIATION.—After much discussion the Students' Union has decided to adopt Dr. Tory's proposal that henceforth Initiation and the Track Meet shall be held on the same day, and that this day shall be incorporated in the calendar as the University Field Day.

DO YOU KNOW anything about *Marquis 111*? This is a wonderful new wheat that has been developed at the University of Alberta. It is wonderful because it may have a tremendous effect on economic conditions of this province. Watch the next number of the *Trail* for the story of *Marquis 111*.

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"LE SOIREE FRANCAIS" which occurred near the end of the fall term was as successful this year as ever. A new feature was the singing of French songs by a chorus of students under the leadership of Mr. de Savoye, which together with other French music made up half the programme. The other half was a one-act play entitled "Veuve Duroselle," by Bisson and Mars, under the direction of Mr. Pelluet.

DR. D. A. MACGIBBON is again away on the work of the Royal Grain Commission.

PRESIDENT TORY spent December and January in the east in connection with business of the Research Council of Canada and investigating rural credits, a report on which he has been asked to prepare by the Dominion government.

TWO CANADIAN POETS have this winter given recitals of their works in Convocation Hall — Wilson MacDonald in November and Bliss Carman in February.

THE MCGILL GRADUATES' SOCIETY OF EDMONTON held its annual meeting at the University of Alberta on November 26, 1923. Col. B. H. Saunders notified the meeting that he would like to make through the Society a gift to the University of Alberta library of a bound set of the *Engineering News*, consisting of many volumes. U. of A. graduates appreciate the spirit of this gift.

THE UNDERGRADUATE DANCE was this year put on by the Arts students, and was as big a success as ever.

A BOTANY CLUB is the newest student society, and its first meetings have been highly successful. It meets fortnightly to hear and discuss botanical papers.

DR. ROBERT NEWTON, Professor of Plant Biochemistry, was Alberta's exchange-professor to the universities of Manitoba and Saskatchewan this year. Dr. Newton spent the first week of February lecturing at these universities, his chief address being "Science and Agriculture."

Meeting of Board of Governors

The Board met on February 2, and spent the day discussing the finances of the University in preparation to presenting the annual estimates to the legislature. Those present at the meeting were Chief Justice Harvey, chairman of the Board; Chancellor Stuart, President Tory, Mrs. Gunn and Mr. Fred Osborne.

In the president's report, which will be presented in official form to the legislature at an early date, the financial problems of the coming year were outlined, and the governors considered ways and means of meeting them. It was felt that the limit of retrenchment has just been about reached, the only further means of economy being to close some of the departments. An alternative to this reduction was suggested in the way of an increase of the students' fees, which have already been raised to meet the need of additional revenue. This step, it was

felt, should not be taken except as a last resort, since its effect would naturally be to discourage attendance at the university.

Nine members of the teaching staff were retired during the year, and no new appointments have been made or proposed for the next year. Moreover, the professors and instructors have not received for two years past the rising scale of salaries promised them, nor are these advances in prospect for still another year to come.

All in all, the governors were of the opinion that the institution has retrenched very nearly all that it safely can except at a sacrifice of its work and the high standards it has set and maintained thus far in its history. Certain economies initiated last year will carry on into 1924, it was pointed out by Dr. Tory, but beyond these an attempt at additional retrenchments did not seem desirable.

CALGARY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB

In October the women graduates resident in Calgary decided to form a University Women's Club on lines enabling them to join the Canadian Federation of University Women's Clubs. Great credit for the success of the undertaking is due Mrs. A. M. Scott and Mrs. James Marles, who cheerfully shouldered the necessary initial drudgery.

A very hearty response to the call for registration placed eighty-five names upon the roll, of which some fifteen are associate members. These are women who have taken two or more years towards a degree, and who do not vote or hold office, but otherwise have all the privileges of full membership.

The list of universities from which the members come is interesting and varied: Cambridge and Oxford, London and

Leeds, Wales and Cardiff, Edinburgh, the Sorbonne, Montana, Chicago, California, Missouri, Vassar. In Canada, every university from the old-established ones of the maritime provinces, Ontario and Quebec to the newer colleges of the West, has sent its quota.

As a result of three organization meetings in the fall, an executive was chosen with Miss Cleveland, of Cambridge, as president, and the club finally launched. Since Christmas, two well-attended meetings have been held. The hour, day and place of meeting is settled afresh each month in order to draw as great a variety of attendance as possible, the interests and occupations of the members being so very diverse. The last gathering, on February 8th, was of a purely social nature, taking the form of a tea in honor of Mr. Bliss Carman, at which the members of the club thoroughly enjoyed meeting, in a very informal and pleasant way, Canada's famous native poet.

University Sports

Sport news is best written when it comes hot after the play. The writer should transmit directly the fervor and excitement, or disgust at lack of these, to the reader.

This is by way of apology for the dull, prosaic style of this little sportatorial.

HOCKEY

The most outstanding sport activity about the campus since the passing of rugby has been hockey. Varsity are entered in the Edmonton Senior Hockey League, which comprises three teams, the Penn Miners, Varsity and Camrose town. Games have been well attended considering the fact that Edmonton fans have the choice of seeing the W.C.H.L. hockey matches as well. All games are played in Jimmy Smith's ice cottage and at Camrose. Not much use is made of the pretentious University rink for senior

hockey purposes, although the tooth-and-nail inter-faculty scrambles are staged there.

Aubrey MacMillan, the genial shiek of Didsbury, is manager of the senior team, and conducts his team's affairs thoroughly. He is no doubt possessed of great hockey brains, and while no one has committed himself to such an assertion, results seem to be telling. The team has led the league practically all season, and are now assured of a place in the play-off series.

On the whole, the team is capable of far better hockey than they dish up; there seems to be too much of a desire in each individual to be touted the star of the team. A team playing for the honor of their school should exhibit none of this tendency. It is always conducive of poor hockey and poor support.

Our team, however, are deserving of more praise than criticism, for they play a hard fighting game, and have had two very good teams to overcome in this league.

In inter-faculty hockey the Med-Dents are leading the league, and look good for this important championship.

The women students have a strong hockey team and are busy cleaning up the several women's hockey teams of this city. It is to be hoped that the team will get one or two games away from home, for they have "class," and have worked diligently, and would no doubt bring more glory home to their Varsity as well as inspire greater interest in women's athletics throughout the province.

Just by the way, this is a point that should not be overlooked by any player on any Varsity team. University sport, its standards and its players are looked upon as the guiding marks to all amateur sport in this province. Take care to be the kind of example that your mother hoped you'd be. In other words, curb most of your natural tendencies. This advice applies, perhaps, as much to other departments of sport as it does to woman's hockey.

BASKETBALL

Varsity is reveling again in watching their hoop heroes heave their enemies aside to snatch further honors. No senior basketball was played before the vacation, although the aspirants were started training then.

During January the Edmonton Senior play-off was arranged, and a six-game series scheduled. Only one team was entered against Varsity for the Northern Alberta championship. This team, sponsored by the Y.M.C.A., proved to be a tough one, and all the old stars of the north side were enrolled, even the two famous Croziers.

In the games played so far the University have clinched the championship, winning three hard games in a row, dropping one, played on the Y floor, by a score of 36-38, and winning the last game 27-30. The play in this series has been

ragged and poor to watch, in one instance being practically a whole hour of blasts from the referee's whistle. Over-guarding and lack of systematic combination seemed to be the main cause of the poor combination. The attitude of the Y team did not appear to be a wholesome one, one man being put off the floor in every game at the Varsity gym for rough-house tactics.

No player has been allowed to exhibit his basketball class in the games so far, the most noticeable players on our team being the two strong and air-tight defence men.

Coaching by Jimmy Bill has been a real asset to the team in their struggle. They will no doubt show results of his work to better advantage when the provincial play-offs come up.

The Intermediate basketball team are worthily upholding their name and reputation in the city's Junior basketball class, and should finish near the top.

By far the most notable sporting history to date has been the invasion of our Senior Girls' basketball team to Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Regina and Calgary. The girls returned with four straight wins to their credit, and now smile quite prettily at any mention of the word basketball. They were obliged to play under three different sets of rules, but adapted themselves readily to each and all of them. Coach C. E. Race accompanied his team, being chaperoned by Mrs. Race. The team owes much of its success to the unflagging attention and priceless training they receive from Mr. Race. They will play off with Calgary and the Commercial Grads for provincial championship honors later.

Their "natty" uniforms won them many potential supporters on the trip.

SKIING (Hardly Any)

A great deal of fuss and preparation was made last fall for a gala season of skiing. This occurrence speaks rather poorly for the scientific foresight of the enthusiasts. The "hoi poloi" will look no more to University men for advice and guidance on matters of climatology.

J.O.G.S.

Alberta Wins Debating Championship

For the first time in many years the University of Alberta has won the championship of the prairie provinces in the Intercollegiate Debating League. The score was: Alberta 8, Saskatchewan 7, Manitoba 3. The subject under debate was Compulsory Arbitration of Industrial Disputes, and Alberta's team won both sides, one team debating against Manitoba in Winnipeg and the other against Saskatchewan in Edmonton on February 7 and 8.

Alberta was represented by George Bryan, Joe O'Brien, John Cassels and James Mahaffy. The debaters showed a grasp of their subject and a finish in style that were the results of arduous training, and that should lift the inter-collegiate debates to a new level. After winning the championship the two Alberta teams debated against each other in Calgary, under the auspices of the Men's Club of that city.

The emblem of the championship in debating is a handsome cup donated by Professor McGoun, of the University of Alberta.



A Backward Glance into the Future

Apropos the fact that the University of Alberta is now giving lectures in Calgary, the following gem in the *Gateway* of November, 1911, is worth reprinting—an echo of old rivalries between that city and the twin cities on the Saskatchewan. It purports to be an "extract from the future files of the 'Calgary Blowpipe', September 29, 19—":

Calgary University Opens— Great Excitement

An important event occurred in the educational life of Calgary yesterday, when the great University of Calgary opened its doors for the first time. The university is starting work in two faculties, those of Arts and Applied Science.

The Arts class is called Miss Hattie Brown, and the Science goes by the appellation of Walter Smythe (not Smith). Both classes have secured rooms in the vicinity of the Calgary Kindergarten, in which building the college is holding its classes for the present. An opening function was held last night at which most of Calgary's prominent educationalists, as well as the students and professors, were present. At first the classes of Arts and Science seemed to hold aloof from one another, but the president soon led the Science class over and introduced it. The Science class looked sort of uneasy, and didn't seem to know what to do with its hands, but as soon as it heard the Arts class' name, it received an inspiration,

and said: "I've got a pair of pants the same color as your name." This broke the ice completely, and the two classes soon became fast friends. Before the end of the evening the Science class was even noted spilling a cup of coffee over the dress of the Arts class, so there is little doubt that in the future the most friendly spirit will exist between the two. The room was tastefully decorated in the college colors of crushed strawberry and chocolate brown.

A few happy speeches were rendered. The Mayor said that he couldn't say much, as he hadn't expected to speak, and besides he had lost his notes on the way over. The President of the University

heartily endorsed these sentiments, adding that he wished the janitor would close the window, as he felt a draught. At this stage the Science and Arts joined hands (metaphorically) and gave the yell. The yell is:

Dust, storms, subdivision, Calgary Beer, Golden West washing powder, here! here!

Buy a lot in Crescent Heights! Y! Y! Y!
C-A-L-G-A-R-Y.

The function closed with the National Anthem, in which all joined heartily. The "Blowpipe" wishes the new university all success in the years which are to come.

Two New Books

THE ROVER, *By Joseph Conrad.*—Every page of this tale shows Conrad's mastery of his craft. None of his plots is better conducted; nothing he has made is more neatly built, or more seaworthy. From the opening scene when old Peyrol sails calmly into Toulon from the other side of the world to his last voyage which gives him contentment and a grave in Mediterranean, "the charmer and the deceiver of audacious men," nothing is superfluous and nothing obscure. The scene is laid near Toulon, with Nelson's fleet below the horizon keeping its long vigil, and we see Nelson himself for a few minutes in the closing pages of the book. But we hear a good deal of the earlier Revolution days when Toulon was occupied and then evacuated by the English. Conrad's old trick of travelling back in time and then forward again is here used with the happiest skill.

Through most of the book we are ashore, but the sea is never out of sight or mind, and counts for much in the story. Peyrol, the old rover, who has knocked about the eastern seas for forty-five years, has, like most of Conrad's favourites, been disciplined and tested by the sea. Calm, brave and simple, he takes

his place naturally in Conrad's company of heroes alongside of Tom Lingard. But his fate is less tragic than Lingard's, if indeed it is tragic at all. His plan was to settle down in the countryside of his birth for the rest of his days. But in the farnhouse where he lodges a game is being played in which he must take a hand. Citizen Scevola Bron, who lives over again in his bloodstained imagination the days when the guillotine was busy in Toulon, is master of the house. The other two inmates are old Catherine and her niece, Arlette, whose parents had been among Bron's victims, and whose mind has been over-set by the horrors of the Revolution. The suspicious and cowardly fanaticism of Bron, Catherine's stony bitterness, Arlette's pathetic madness and the relationship of each person to Peyrol, are portrayed with a subtlety and quietness of which Conrad alone has the secret. For Arlette the rover feels a tenderness he does not understand and half resents—a tenderness which is increased when she is restored to sanity by her love for Lt. Real. This situation, with its clash of characters and its sinister possibilities, fills most of the book. Not till the end is there any swift succession of events. Then Peyrol takes things into

his own hands, happy once more to be in action, and happier still to be at sea. How he gives Arlette and Real a chance for happiness, how he rids the world of Bron, and how he wins the desire of his heart in tricking the English frigate—these things are told in unforgettable pages of magnificent prose:

"Peyrol, sinking back on the deck, in another heavy lurch of his craft, saw for an instant the whole of the English corvette swing up into the clouds as if she meant to fling herself upon his very breast. A blown seatop flicked his face noisily, followed by a smooth interval, a silence of the waters. He beheld in a flash the days of his manhood, of strength and adventure. Suddenly an enormous voice like the roar of an angry sea-lion seemed to fill the whole of the empty sky in a mighty and commanding shout: 'Steady!' . . . And with the sound of that familiar English word ringing in his ears, Peyrol smiled to his visions and died."

—R. K. G.

BAPTISTE LAROCQUE, *By P. A. W. Wallace*.—In the preface to his little book of French-Canadian legends, Mr. Wallace states that the object of the book is to make accessible to English readers a more comprehensive collection than has yet been attempted of the legends, which are current in French Canada. This he has undoubtedly done, and the book will be welcomed not only by those who remember with delight winter evenings by habitant firesides and summer nights in the Laurentians, but also by all who cherish the folklore of the first Canadians. Mr. Wallace employs the method used by Joel Chandler Harris in his Uncle Remus tales, and unity is achieved by having old Baptiste Larocque tell the stories throughout. Some of the tales one has heard over and over again, not in broken English so much as in the soft flowing patois of the *Vrai Canadien*. It must be admitted that such stories as one has heard—the "*Loup-Garou*," the "*Fi-Follett*" and the "*Vente au Diable*"—lose much of their charm in translation to

Drummondese. At the same time they are remarkably well done.

Mr. Wallace has succeeded in giving to his retold tales the spirit of the old time *Conteur*, his naive delight in the story itself however threadbare it may be, and his instinctive feeling for the little dramatic touches that make the story live.

The dialect is so nearly perfect that one feels that Mr. Wallace at some time in his life must have lived with French Canadian people. I think, however, that in one or two places his ear fails him.

In the story of "*Le Juif Errant*," this sentence occurs: "De ole man look ver tire, no life on hees face, except hees eyes, wich have flame in." That last phrase does not seem to me to be quite right; the French Canadian's English, however broken, is not awkward, but has rather a rough beauty and grace about it that falls softly on the ear, as opposed, for instance, to German-English or Russian. While speaking in English the French-Canadian is thinking in his own patois, and he usually succeeds in expressing himself in a way that does not jar.

In "*The Story of Rose Latulippe*" also you find the following: "He talk fast, say how nice she was look, ask her w'y she don't come on de city, marry nice feller with money, can give her de clo'es and planty good tam all her life." I have an idea that the habitant *Conteur* would put it this way: "He talk fas, an say how nice she look, also he ax her for w'y she don't pass on de citie and marry some nice feller with money dat can geev her de fine clo'es an plenty good tam all her life."

However, these are small differences, and altogether a matter of opinion. All French-Canadians do not speak English in the same way. "*Baptiste Larocque*" preserves and interprets for the English reader a very typical group of French-Canadian legends skillfully remodelled and attractively arranged. The book is a very worth-while contribution to Canadian literature.

—E. A. C.

Sparks from the Treasurer's Anvil

R. T. HOLLIES

We have received the news via the famous moccasin telegraph that shortly another Trail is to be opened up for public approval. The news travels on winged feet these days, with one and all hurrying to escape the 42°F below zero weather that has fastened on to us.

Letters have been pouring in from all directions and news is not so scarce as usual. Come with us, then, a few minutes while we can over a few friendly letters and other scraps of news.

Geo. D. Atkin, LL.B. '22, has taken J. G. Russel into partnership with him at Bashaw, Alberta; Russel being in the minor office of the firm.

We wonder if L. Y. Cairns, Arts '12, could scrape up a bit of news of that famous class of which he was a member. He is still with Wallbridge, Henwood & Co. on the north side.

M. B. Palmer, Com. '23, was quick to send us a word in appreciation of the November Trail. This helps a lot, and gives the Editor new courage in preparing the next number. We hope, Max, you are fully recovered, and are again back in harness.

We played a trick on ourselves the other day by sending a letter (Class '23 will know what letter) to W. A. Lang B.Sc. (Arts '23), to Okotoks. What of it? Well, this: Bill is working a good part of his time in the same Lab. as the Treasurer.

Markerville, Alberta, has been the home of J. R. Gaetz, B.S.A. '22, for more than a year, where he is in the dairy business. He doesn't say much about the life, but we would judge from his letter that he is too busy to say much about it.

We do hope that Miss C. McQueen has fully recovered from her operation (tonsils) of a short time ago.

S. R. Laycock, M.A. '16, always has two good words for the Trail, that is to say, two dollars; otherwise we never hear from him, which is a pity. He could tell us much, too, if he were so minded.

Miss Olive J. Shaw, B.Sc. (Arts) '23, of 9837 85th Avenue, Edmonton, is teaching at Riverdale. We hold her kindly appreciation of her alumni publication will not estrange her from her old chums, namely Shakespeare, Milton, Dickens, or others.

We noticed with interest the announcement in the Edmonton Journal of the incorporation of "The Institute of Applied Art" to carry on a commercial art business and to conduct art schools. J. Adam, B.A. '12, is one of the promoters. This is wishing Prof. Adam best of luck in his new venture.

Miss Dorothy Diller is teaching in the Vegreville High School; so at times takes a run up to the old stamping ground at the U. of A.

W. F. Dyde, M.A. '17, has not dropped us a line since he left Dawson City, nearly two years ago. He is now studying at the Teachers' College in the City of New York.

Many people in Edmonton had a chance to hear Edward Johnson; but only the members of the Alumni Association and of Class '24 had a chance to hear Margaret Gold sing at the Macdonald on January 12th. She is just back after a couple of years in Paris and doesn't forget any of her old associates.

Jack Fife (Med.), Class '24, has just received recognition of his rugby prowess from his McGill coach; he should receive in a few months recognition from his faculty for his studies. This is leading up to the question of why hasn't his brother Max, B.Sc. '13, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, written to us for so long?

We have fresh evidence nearly every day of the good training we received at Alberta Varsity. For example, there was a 1,000 per cent. increase (from 1c to 10c a ton) in the Vancouver harbor rates; the West kicked about it, particularly Alberta, as we are sending much grain to the world's markets via that route. Result was an inquiry by J. D. O. Mothersill, Arts '16, for the provincial government and the Edmonton Board of Trade. He is back with a report, yards long, which shows the necessity of watching all moves of all federal governments with care.

A. R. Morgan, B.A. '23, nearly ran over me in the corridor of Arts Building the other day; so I "beaned" him for two beans. He came through with them, and with the news that he was going to Paris to study French. Congratulations, old top, and do not forget to revisit Chateau De l'Haie or Mount St. Eliot while you are over there.

T. H. Wells, LL.B. '18, has moved into Edmonton from Munson, Alberta, and set up a law office in the Tegler Building. His address is 10738 104th Street.

St. Paul de Metis, Alberta, is the home of the firm of Buckley & Glanville. A.T.M.'s word of appreciation of **The Trail** is herewith passed on to the Editor. We hope Glanville will attend the next annual meeting of the Association.

John McGuire, B.Sc. '22, is principal of the Ponoka High School, where he has been since September, after a successful year at the Ardley Consolidated School. The arduous duties and responsibilities of teaching H.S. do not seem to bother John. He now weighs over one-tenth of a ton, and comes up smiling as ever.

We hope that A. M. Munro, B.Sc. (Arts) '15, is feeling O.K. We have not heard or seen him for some time, and he missed a good luncheon on Saturday, the 12th, at the "Mac."

Steve Atkinson, B.Sc. '22, tried coal mining last year at Luscar, Alberta, then went copper mining at Britannia, B.C., and now we hear of him roughing it at Bisbee, Arizona. Go to it, Steve; we have to get experience before we get other things.

Had letters from three members at the University of Illinois—the Stovers and S. C. Ratcliffe. The former like their new home, and the latter gives us news of Dr. Grace Stewart, B.A. '18, who is teaching advanced Paleontology at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; the vest-pocket edition proves conclusively that great things are done up in small parcels. S. C. Ratcliffe has been recently promoted within the Sociology department; here is wishing him good luck!

Thank you, Helen Raver. We hope you will enjoy this *Trail*, too. She is at 10231 124th Street, Edmonton.

482 Gilmour Street, Ottawa, is the present address of Dr. J. W. McKinney, B.Sc. '17. He is on the permanent staff of the Food and Drugs Laboratory in the Health Department, after a summer with the Dominion Fuel Board. He likes Ottawa very much, and we enjoyed a chatty letter from him.

Bill Jewitt, B.Sc. '23, is working under Dr. K. A. Clark, of the Road Materials Division of the Industrial Research Department of the University. He had a stiff summer in the rain in the Rockies southwest of here, and so has little to say for himself just now.

Dr. J. M. Waggett (Rev.) used to remember one or two of the oldtimers, but does not seem to do so now. His address is, I think, South Jacksonville, Florida, U.S.A. Surely you can show a little sympathy, Waggett, for us in this —40°C climate, by writing and saying how nice it is in Florida.

H. E. Read, B.Sc. '14, gives little news of himself except that he writes from Calgary at 1624 15th Avenue West.

Miss Bertha Lawrence is still in England, and sends her fee through Alice Tresswell of this city. The English address is long but clear. Here it is: 5 Streets Mews, Aldford Street, Mayfair, London, W.T., England.

We have just heard from Ione E. McLaughlin, B.Sc. '23. She is teaching Dietetics and Household Administration in the Provincial School of Agriculture at Olds.

Sig. Nielson, B.A. '22, is continuing his law studies within and without the University. He finishes this spring.

We had a visit from Andy Hnatyshyn, B.Sc. '22, not long ago. He hopes there are no more "Home Banks" in Southern Alberta, as once is enough. He is working in the mines at Blairmore, Alberta.

Could anyone tell us the whereabouts of Miss Lila Fraser, B.Sc. '21, who was heard of last at the Vancouver General Hospital?

Sister M. A. Murray is still in the Ursuline Convent, 10647 81st Avenue, Edmonton.

We had a very pleasant visit from Captain Kidd, B.Sc. '16, at the Xmas season. He seems not to have changed a bit in the eight years since we have seen him, and his laugh—ah! it was good to hear it again. Kidd is still at Drumheller, where he is surveying coal mines and raising a large family.

Mrs. A. Dyson (nee Blanche McLaughlin), '14, also sends in two words of appreciation from 10154 102nd Street, Edmonton, but gives no news of her doings at all.

R. W. Evans, '22, is now principal of the High School at Outlook, Saskatchewan.

W. E. Frame, '22, has recently been appointed to the staff of the Crescent Heights High School, Calgary. Since graduation Mr. Frame has held the position of public and high school principal at Youngstown.

Munro MacLeod, '21, has been appointed principal of the public and high school at Canmore.

Miss Eva McKittrick, '22, who has been teaching in Wetaskiwin, is now on the high school staff at Coleman.

From the newspapers we see that G. R. Stevens, '15, has been transferred from Jamaica, to be Canadian trade commissioner to the West Indies at Barbadoes. We understand this is a promotion, and offer heartiest congratulations.

To Mrs. R. J. Russell, '12, comes an interesting letter from Mr. Thomas C. Colwell, of the same class, bearing greetings to his classmates. While overseas, Mr. Colwell married a Miss Hannah, M.A., graduate of the University of Glasgow, and is the proud father of a boy and a girl. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell have just finished their fourth year in Marine Mission Work at Alert Bay, B.C., and, to quote the letter: "Should any members of our Class care to visit the Coast we should be delighted to have them visit us, and in our launch see just what the coast is like and how really beautiful it is."

W. A. Kelly, '21, is studying towards his Ph.D. in geology at Princeton.

G. G. L. Moore, '21, ("Jerry") is practising law at Kitscoty, Alberta.

Miss Bernice Carmichael, '21, has entered the University Hospital as pupil dietitian.

Miss Dorothy Richards, '23, has returned from Toronto, where she took a course in library work, and is now at the Edmonton Public Library.

J. F. Lehmann, '20, "did" the Continent with the Cambridge hockey team for six weeks during the Christmas vacation, and had a fine time—even though the team was broke for a while and had to bum until it reached a bank where letters of credit were honored. They played games at Antwerp, Paris, Muerren and several towns in Switzerland. From his record at the U. of A., we imagine Ferdie must be a tower of strength to the Cambridge team.

We have not heard much directly from Class '23, but we are indebted to the **Gateway** for the following bits of news:

Russel Richards is working at the Brule mines.

Edna Roth is teaching.

Ruth MacLennan is in the office of Drs. Scanlon and Brown, Edmonton.

Eva Brownlee is teaching at Minburn.

Miss Amy Garbutt, winner of the Pharmaceutical Society's gold medal for the highest standing in the fourth year of the degree course in Pharmacy, has been appointed dispenser in the Van Haarlem Hospital, Lethbridge.

Jessie Ballantyne is on the Calgary Public School staff.

Helen Chalmers is back at U. of A., taking M.A. work.

Polly Dixon is living on a farm near Camrose.

Silver Dowding is in the Botany Department of the U. of A.

Geraldine Duclos is on the Edmonton Public School staff.

Frene Frazer is demonstrating baking powder.

Mary Martin is doing work in the Visual department of the Department of Extension, U. of A.

Agnes McFarlane is teaching.

Mae McEachern is teaching at Duffield.

Jennie Reid is teaching in Edmonton.

Marjorie Simmons is at home in Calgary, but expects to attend Normal this winter.

Mary Simpkin is at her home, Maple Creek. She also intends attending Normal.

Miss Bennett is at the University Hospital.

Lola Scott is working in McDermid's Drug Store, Calgary.

Miss Marryat is on her chicken farm at Alix.

S. E. Robinson is assistant lecturer in chemistry at MacDonald Agricultural College.

J. W. Richardson is grading cream at Lacombe.

Niel Stewart is still out surveying as the University is not offering the courses he required in Architecture.

Andy Hynatshyn is coal analyst at the Blairmore mines.

Roy Page has been articled to Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon & Dillworth, a chartered accountancy firm of Toronto.

Don Allan has been employed by the Edmonton branch of Marshall Wells Co., Ltd.

Murray Pawling has taken a position in the chemical laboratories of Parke-Davies, Ltd.

Ernie Willis is working for the Exide Battery Co., Edmonton.

Walter Herbert has recently returned to Edmonton, where he hopes to get work for the winter.

Hal Grey has entered the University of Montana, where he will take post-graduate work in entomology.

Reg. Barnecut is at present working for the C.P.R.

Raleigh Moss, in accordance with the class prophecy, is at the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry at Berkely, California.

Rosie Whitman, now a married man, is surface surveyor at Luscar, Alberta.

Len Huskins, also a benedict, is working for the Department of Agriculture at the U. of A., and pursuing some post-grad. studies.

M. E. Jean Richard is lecturing in French at the University of Manitoba.

Keith Muir is getting practical experience at the mines.

N. M. Hardin is working in Edmonton.

Don McKinnon is farming at Dalemead, Alta.

Reg. Pegrum has been appointed demonstrator in geology.

G. B. Taylor is demonstrator in the Physics Department.

Others who are back at the U. of A. demonstrating or studying are: W. P. Campbell, Bill McDonald, Bert Lang, W. D. Burgess, Ted Gowan, Bill Grindley, Jas. Brown, Alf. Bramey-Moore, Geo. Bryan, Jack McClung, Bert Rudd, Fred English, Art Jarret, Harry Shenkman, A. R. Lucaschuk-Louren, F. P. Biraud, W. R. Brown, Wilf Wees, J. W. McAllister.

We had a nice newsy letter from the Rev. Geo. H. Villet, who now has a flock at Iron Springs, Alta. (twenty-five miles from Lethbridge). The Trail helped him to find some of his friends, so this may lead others to him.

Coahurst, Alberta, is the present address of Keith Muir. We would like to hear more of his doings in that metropolis.

For those interested, and especially for Class '21, we would remind them that Miss Genevieve Jackson is employed in the University Library.

Dr. A. L. Caldwell must be doing well at Empress, Alberta, if the promptness with which he pays his fees are an indication of his luck in collecting them.

Andrew Cairns, B.S.A. '23, is making good progress in his post-graduate work at the University Farm, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, judging by the cheerfulness of his letter. Good wishes to him in his study in biochemistry.

Sinclair Budd, B.A. '21, LL.B. '23, was recently admitted to the bar in Calgary.

Miss Mary Simpkin says little of her doings in her home town of Maple Creek; she might tell the secretary a few things, if not us.

Sister M. A. Murray, B.A. '23, has changed her address to the Ursuline Convent, 10647 81st Avenue, Edmonton.

Miss Agnes MacFarlane, B.A. '23, has moved from Saskatoon to Kamsack, Saskatchewan, where she is teaching high school.

M. E. Jean Richard, B.A. '23, sent us a nice note from University of Manitoba, where he is teaching French. Good luck to one of his ability in the field of moderns.

E. L. Churchill, B.A. '23, is taking post-graduate work at the University of Chicago. His address is 6024 Ellis Avenue, Chicago.

Neil M. Stewart, B.A. '23, was at Duncan, B.C. Duncan is on Vancouver Island, north of Victoria.

It is only the odd Alumnus who takes the trouble to sit down and write a long newsy letter to the treasurer, to discuss with him the problems of rural education in Alberta, and its bearing on the lack of higher education in Europe; then to ask why the weather bureau has no influence with the weather, even as a liquor commission has no control of the liquor consumption, and so on. Harry Fisher, B.A. '23, is teaching all grades from I to VIII in a school at Wellsdale, Alberta, where he finds much food for philosophical study.

Just as we are going to press R. W. Moss writes in from 2416 Allston Way, Berkeley, California, with all the simoleons required of him, and also with a cheerful offer to start a local in the neighborhood of San Francisco, where a number of our members reside. This is good work, Raleigh! We hope to see locals formed in other centres also.

Jean T. Hope, of Glenview Apartments, Edmonton, sends in practical appreciation of The Trail. We hope that many more will shortly do the same.

Miss Connie McFarland, '20, is now studying at the Art Institute, Chicago.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Anderson on the birth of a daughter. The little lady is named Carol Rorem—after her mother, take it. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are graduates in Arts of '19, and are now resident at Sinyang, Honan, China.

U. of A. Alumni attending the Camrose Normal School are: Miss Thelma Butchart, Miss Margaret Shanks, Miss Helen Geddes, Miss Hegler, Miss Beulah McIntyre and Cedric Edwards. Cedric says: "We have at present not advanced sufficiently to undertake problems in plasticine, construction and treatment of dolls, colour work or blocks of any description, although we have been allowed to look at a few nursery rhymes. I trust we

have been elevated by such study." This is a serious reflection on their university training.

News for the next issue of the Trail should be in the Editor's hands not later than May 20.

NEWS FROM LOS ANGELES

Here's the spirit of the U. of A.! The Editor has received the following letter from Arthur Donaldson ("Pat"), '22, dated at Ocean Park, near Los Angeles, California, February 4:

"Yours truly, Having eaten heartily in the Paulais restaurant, in the fair city of the Angels, was so drugged as to let himself be appointed factotum and bottlewasher for the assembled U. of A. folks, of which there were about twenty-eight present (including wives). Clarence Tookey and N. McDonald were the brainy boys who thought of bringing us together, and did all the 'phoning and cajoling, and the gathering was a tribute to their efforts. A permanent committee is proposed, but a pro-tem one consists of Messrs. Tookey, Teviotdale, McKittrick and Donaldson. If any more people from the U. of A. wander down this way we want them to let us know, as new acquisitions will be welcomed, and to them we offer a welcome among old friends.

"As to particulars of the various members, I will just set the list before me and try to recall, as best I can, all the facts as they told them to us in little speeches Saturday night. J. K. Wilson is practising law here and dabbling in the ever-present real estate. Carmen Wilson, brother-in-law to Elmer McKittrick, sees to it that the Angelenos are well clothed, being in the wholesale tailoring business. "Fat" was in Pharmacy. R. C. Beil and T. N. McDonald are both subdividing around L.A., and if they keep at it we expect to hold a meeting in San Francisco for their benefit. T. E. and Floyd Lawlor both reside by the sea at Venice. R. B. Lillico rolled into town about three weeks ago, and still surveys the scenery and plays golf. Harold and Laurence V. Miller and Mrs. L. V. are out to the southwest of the city turning the desert into fruit lands to enable the rest of us to live in a land of milk and honey. Mr. and Mrs. Art McInnis reside in the millionaire city of Pasadena, where Art helps the city engineer put the gold leaf on the streets. Elmer S. McKittrick is with the Union Iron Works here, trying to keep pace with the demand for new buildings. Russ Burdett and his wife were there. Russ and Art McInnis discussed hockey, and the Eskimos in particular. Mr. and Mrs. "Spud" Barlow came late, and stayed the same, but added their mite by telling nothing. Davy Teviotdale and his wife (Agnes Wilson) managed to tear themselves away from their beloved chicken ranch to sojourn with us, and pour plaintive tales on

the lack of consideration of the said fowls in the matter of hen fruit. Lest certain libellous reports get abroad about our supper, especially the chicken (rubbers) served, David reports that it did not come from anywhere in the Pasadena neighborhood, certainly not from his place.

"Clarence Tookey and his wife are raising a young and hopeful out at Santa Monica, very close to where we live. He is still trying to keep his insurance tables ahead of the traffic jams and the W. K. American Hustle. Yours truly is also at the sea, mostly sad, as the engineering field is somewhat close just now; but this is, to quote the California phrase, "unusual."

"L. McGillivray, cousin to Archie, provided toe-tickling music for the dance that followed the bout with the chicken. Art Carswell was not present with his bride of a few weeks, but we hope to overcome this diffidence before the next meeting.

"We are proposing to hold a gathering every second Saturday of each month, visitors always welcomed; so that you may expect to hear from us again. We are to have our next in Hollywood of wicked memory, or in Venice with the mermaids.

"I hope this screed will help convey to Sunny Alberta and the U. of A. Alumni the greetings and best wishes from the land of eternal sunshine. Any news or messages you may send we will endeavour to pass along to the folks."

Pat attaches the following list of Alberta alumni and their wives, resident in Los Angeles and district, and promises to send more later:

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wilson, 501 California Bldg., Los Angeles.

R. C. Bell, 343 S. Olive St., Los Angeles.

J. N. McDonald, 343 S. Olive St., Los Angeles.

R. B. Lillico, 609 W. Pico St., Los Angeles.

H. Miller, R.F.P. Box 38, La Habra.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Miller, R.F.P. Box 38, La Habra.

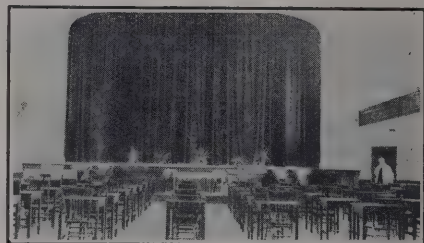
Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McInnis, 428 S. Michigan Avenue, Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McKittrick, 1632 W. 21st St., Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Teviotdale, R. 3, Box 480, Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Tookey, 1304 Euclid Ave., Santa Monica.

A. Donaldson, 441 Raymond Ave., Ocean Park.



MISS DUNHAM GAINS HONOURS

Miss Aileen Dunham, '20, has just been awarded the degree of Ph.D. in history at the University of London. In addition, she has been awarded a fellowship and a grant of \$300 for the publication of her thesis, "British Colonial Constitutional History."

As an undergraduate at the University of Alberta, Miss Dunham took Honours History, and on graduation she won fellowships at the universities of Chicago, Missouri and Toronto. She chose the last, and took her degree of Master of Arts at Toronto before proceeding to London, England.

Miss Dunham has now taken the position of lecturer in history in Wooster College, Ohio.

Marriages and Deaths

MARRIAGES

Rutherford-Beaton—On December 21, 1923, Jessie Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. A. C. Beaton, of Edmonton, to Ralph L. Rutherford, '19, lecturer in geology at the University of Alberta. Dr. and Mrs. Rutherford reside at 11036 84th Avenue.

DEATHS

Giffen—At Santa Monica, California, Mrs. Winnifred Giffen, wife of Andrew Giffen, B.Sc. '22.

Pentland—At Norwood, Ontario, on January 24, Miss Lucille G. Pentland, B.A. '22, at the age of twenty-three. Miss Pentland was buried at Port Perry.

Addresses Wanted

If you know the addresses of any of the following graduates, you would be conferring a favour by informing Miss Jean McIntosh, Secretary of the Alumni Association, at the University:

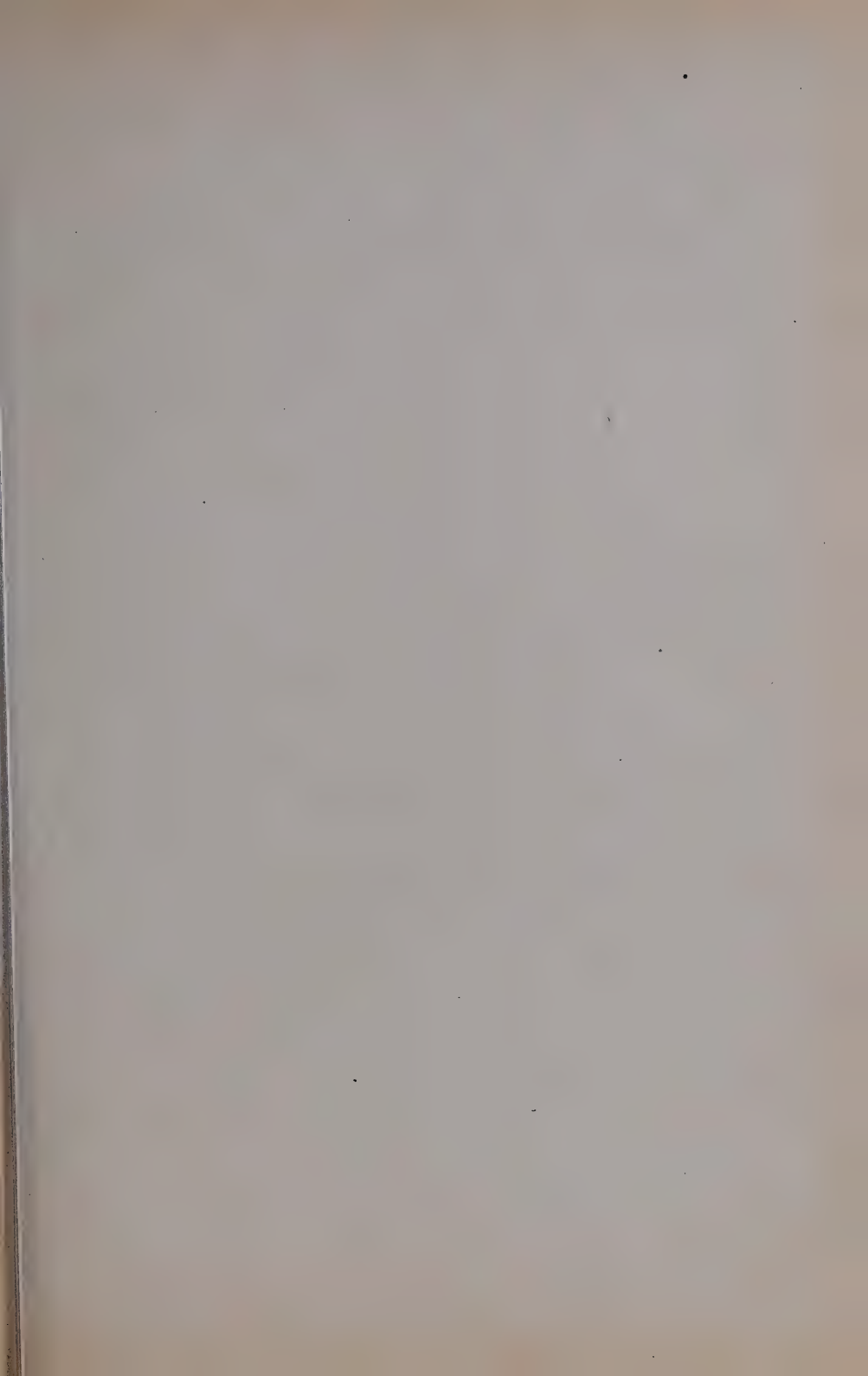
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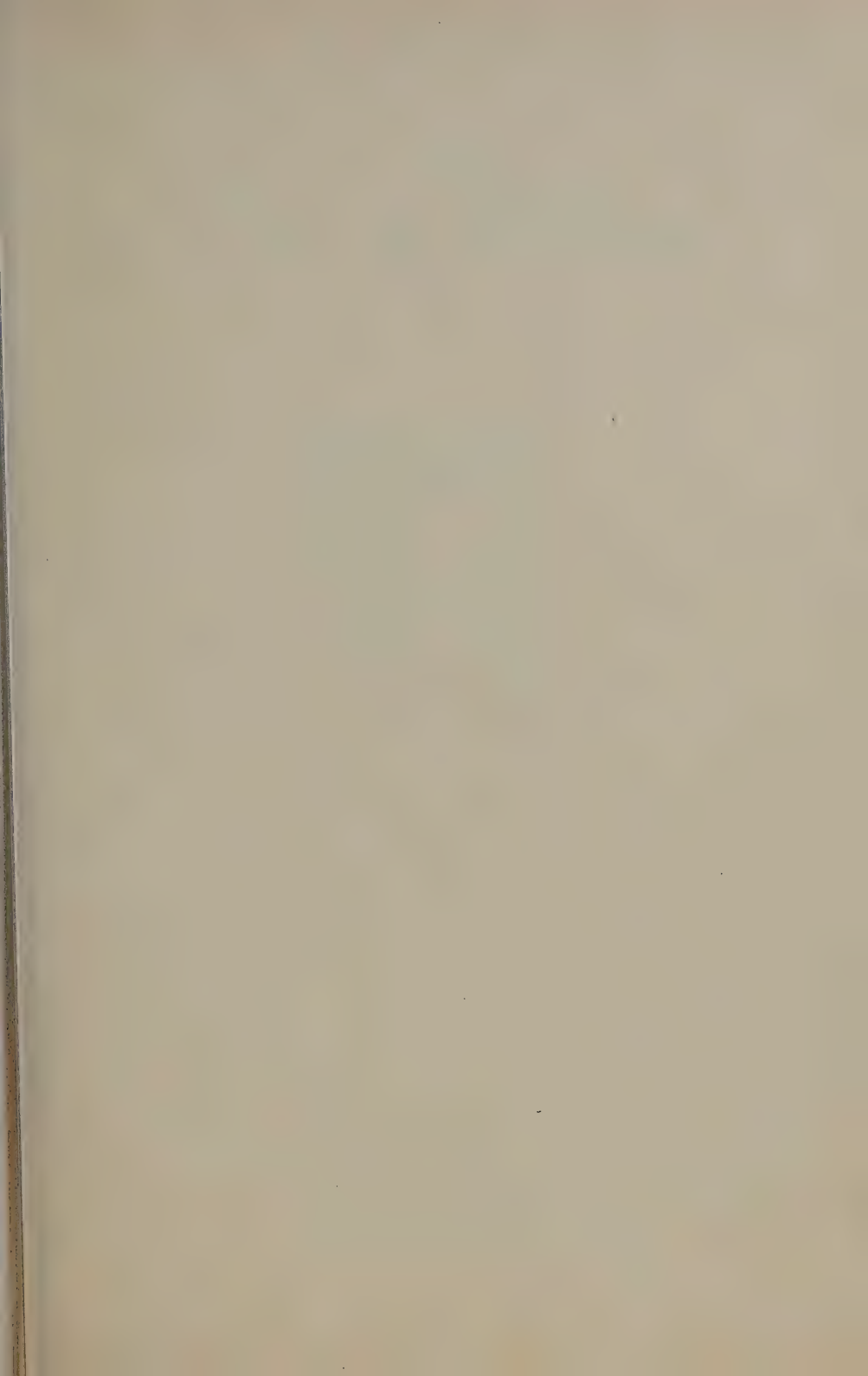
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 Lonsdale, T. H.
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 Middleton, W.
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 Noble, Geo. D.
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 Pearse, Harry
 Pawling, Henry M.
 Reeve, Geo. W.
 Russell, Jas. Geo.
 Scott, Percy
 Sillak, John G.
 Spratt, Mrs. C. J.
 Summerhayes, Mercy B.
 Shankman, Harry
 Trainor, Gregory
 Ward, A. S.



Purebred Aberdeen-Angus junior yearling steer, "Eliminator's Best," L.E.F. First and champion at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, and fourth at the International Livestock Exhibition, Chicago, 1923. Bred by the Dominion Experimental Farm, Lacombe, and exhibited by the University of Alberta.





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Notes and Comments

The recent annual report of the National Gallery of Canada states that the Canadian War Memorials, **Something to Do** "unique and unrivalled among war records," continue to be stored away

"both to their own detriment and the public loss." This immense collection of paintings has been exhibited in England, the United States and Eastern Canada, but has never come out West. Here is a chance for the Alumni Association. The National Gallery very willingly sends its pictures on tour. "There is no doubt that this work, now in its tenth year, is having valuable effect on the general knowledge of art in the country. The exhibitions are frequently the first sight a community gets of good and original works of art of any kind, and create the first knowledge that there is a rapidly developing and vital Canadian art in existence." A small loan exhibit from the National Gallery has hung in the University library for the last year, brought there at the University's expense. Such exhibits should come more frequently, that students might have some little opportunity for intelligent knowledge of art. Perhaps culture would then cease to be considered as a secondary and not really necessary result of university life. By bringing a selection of Canada's War Memorial Pictures to Edmonton and Calgary and perhaps other cities, the Alumni Association would not only serve its alma mater, but would give the people of Alberta the opportunity of seeing pictures that have created much interest elsewhere. The chief obstacle is the heavy freight charges, but enthusiasm and vigour can overcome this, and may even make the exhibit of benefit to our University Memorial Fund.

Since the end of the war, nearly six years have gone. Its hatred and bitterness still distort our thoughts and actions, but its nobility we are prone to forget. War is an evil thing, but it glorifies those whom it destroys. War we must forever abhor, and we must so purify our public conscience as to make it impossible; but we must not forget the men who died for us—for in remembering them we remember courage and high-mindedness, all that is essentially opposed to war. To remember them is to admire what is good and hate the trickery and blindness which bring wars to pass. They died for us. Can we in decency be indifferent to their memory? *They died for us.* These words mean what they say. Read them again and ponder them, and when you feel the full weight of your debt, blush that the University of Alberta has not yet after six years raised a lasting memorial to its sons who died fighting.

The University of Toronto has built a magnificent memorial tower; McGill has set up several graven tablets; and we have done nothing. A year ago the Alumni Association took over the work of raising the Memorial Fund and put it in the hands of a committee. That committee has done its best, and now has resigned in disgust at our apathy. The University of Alberta has seven hundred graduates and thirteen hundred undergraduates, and its Memorial Fund has reached the total of six hundred dollars!

What are we going to do about it? What *can* we do? If we have any self-respect, if we have any pride in our university, if our college spirit is anything more than an empty name, if we have any common gratitude towards those

who died for us, we can do nothing but give increasingly to this fund. We must give more than we can afford so that our giving may be hallowed by the spirit of sacrifice, for only such a spirit is worthy such an end. Do you hesitate at a sum of money! Remember that those who "laid the world away" valued not lightly what they sacrificed — comfort, ambition, learning, comradeship, and life itself.

The University of Alberta graduates can give five thousand dollars a year to the Memorial Fund. Everyone should pledge an annual contribution of ten or twenty dollars, or more if he can afford it. If we do not immediately increase the fund sufficiently to assure the erection of a memorial within a few years, we should quit the pretense and abandon the cause as unworthy. We must not fail. Send your contributions to the University of Alberta Memorial Fund, in care of the Alumni Association.

The Class of '24, some hundred and sixty strong, is the largest class that has graduated from the University of Alberta, and **"Hail! Hail! the Gang's—"** promises to be a substantial addition to the Alumni Association. At this early stage each annual graduation increases manifold the Association's ability to do good work, and it *will* do good work if each member realizes the importance of his own membership. This is the attitude in which, we hope, the new graduates will join us, and recognizing as we do the strength that they will bring us, we urge them to join the Alumni Association without delay. There they will find the warmest of welcomes.

The formation of the Calgary branch of the Alumni Association is for us an event of great importance. We are waiting for other cities to do likewise. With the large alumni population in and near Calgary, this should be a most active outpost of the University. Here's wishing it the best of luck in a career of usefulness to its members and to the Alma Mater!

Following is the newly-elected executive of the Alumni Association:

President: S. R. Laycock, M.A. '16, B.D. '20, B.Ed. '23.

Vice-president: Roy C. Jackson, B.A. '15.

Secretary: Miss Margaret Archibald, B.A. '22.

Treasurer: H. R. Webb, B.Sc. '21, M.Sc. '22.

Historian: Ralph Rutherford, B.Sc. '19, M.Sc. '20, Ph.D.



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Neo-Cultural Education

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A quaint and pathetic tale is told of an Alberta farmer. The war-time wheat crop had placed him, for the first time in his life, above the perpetual struggle for life's necessities. After discharging all debts, and acquiring all things needful and needless that he could think of, he found himself still encumbered with abundance.

Suddenly he remembered his ancestors. It mattered not that

"Chill penury repressed their noble
rage,

And froze the genial current of their
soul."

He at once selected a dozen worthies from the family album and had them done life-sized in crayon. His dining-room was transformed into a miniature banqueting hall. The absence of armour in no way detracted from his gallery of heroes. He took enduring pride in the bank of grave faces, each flat and featureless as the unbroken prairie, now chubby with red crayon and set off in gaudy gilt frames. More discriminating eyes, alas, praised them chiefly for hiding still more distressing wallpaper.

We may smile at the artless extravagance of the simple Ukrainian peasant. Sadder cases can be found in any industry that the Midas touch of the Great War turned to gold. And what is more important, they will continue to appear long after the twentieth century has returned to normality. For better or for worse, the young man at twenty-five can now earn more than his grandfather could at forty, and many will enjoy an affluence that a few years ago existed only in the imaginations of labor-union organizers.

Such a great increase in average wealth naturally has a large influence on the general well-being of the nation. It has already created serious problems in politics and economics. Other and more obscure effects are not so widely recognized. It is to one of these I would like to direct attention. It seems to me that

the present and future economic changes will profoundly influence the public schools; that, paradoxical as it may seem, the ever growing industrialization of the world will force the abandoning of the utilitarian curriculum, and the substitution for it of a modified cultural course.

When the industrial revolution was in its youth, it powerfully stimulated the growth of popular government. The two together then furnished the impetus for another characteristic development of the nineteenth century—universal education. It seemed necessary to fit men and women for a life of machine production, and to instruct them in the art of self-government. To accomplish these tasks, the modern public school system was devised.

Although the aim of universal education was from the first utilitarian, the curriculum, except in such obviously needed courses as reading, arithmetic, and the like, was at first very far from being so. Subjects of study in the higher grades, on the contrary, comprised an assortment of fragments borrowed from the ancient classical discipline. That glory of the Renaissance was in the last stages of decay. In England sons of good families passed through the artsocratic "Public Schools," and entered the universities. There they acquired a certain proficiency in mental gymnastics, and some true culture from human associations. A university was a sort of mineral-spring sanatorium, where a new and healthy regime of living benefited the student, while the bitter waters of pedantry received the credit for the transformation. When less fortunate children were sent to the new elementary schools, they were given prescribed draughts of the same bitters, here, of course, duly bottled and labelled. The surroundings were not so salubrious, and the expected improvement did not result.

Then came the flood of scientific discovery. The world at last had something else to think about than the wisdom of

the ancients and the controversies of the Reformation. The practical parent desired his children to be furnished with a fair sample of the world's knowledge, a knowledge which he himself lacked, but which he conceived in a vague way to be useful to his offspring. Since he had no special predilection for the learning of the past, the uselessness and barrenness of which he heard so much, he demanded that at least a portion of the current discoveries be added to the school program.

Such an addition may or may not have been useful in the sense its advocates meant it to be, but it carried with it the acceptance of the criterion "usefulness," and prepared the way for a narrow and severely practical sort of education. Genuine technical schools appeared in England, and, in the eighties, the technical high school came into existence in the States and Canada. Today every city that can afford one, has its technical high school, which undertakes, not to teach that general scientific knowledge that underlies all technical processes, but to train its students for definite trades. Smaller towns and cities which cannot erect such expensive plants, have condensed the arts and college preparatory part of the high school's work, and have added business courses and the like.

The popularity of such vocational education is beyond question. Hard-headed business men are enthusiastic over it. Somewhere around 98% of all students, they say, will leave school for an everyday job, later on to marry and bring up a family. Whether we like it or not, that is all they will or can do. Time spent in school is short enough at best. Cut out the frills and prepare the youth for life!

Professional educators ought to be pleased to find business men and manufacturers enthusiastic over education. They have at least retreated from their old stand, that schooling would make the masses too light for heavy work and too heavy for light work, and that the education of other people's children is none of their concern anyway. It is too bad that such practical men, who look only at facts, are grievously at fault about these very facts; that they advocate

practical education that is not practical, and urge a preparation for a life that no one lives.

Running through every defense of vocational education one finds the assumption that an age of machinery demands increased technical knowledge of even the humblest workman. This assumption was made at the beginning of the industrial era, and is still considered a truism. As a matter of fact, the very reverse is true. The ideal of our day is not that piece of apparatus that requires great skill to operate, but an intricate automatic machine which needs only to be fed by some person absolutely innocent of any technical training whatsoever. During the war, school girls ran lathes and turned shells with an accuracy not dreamed of by the most expert old-time mechanics. The modern matron is balked when her kitchen oil stove goes wrong, but finds no difficulty in operating a very complicated automobile. Technical processes of an elaborate sort, for which no machine has been devised are now subdivided. Articles formerly made by one highly trained artisan are now manufactured by a number of men, each of whom performs a simple and non-technical operation. Instead of emphasizing technical skill and practical education, the use of machinery has almost extinguished the one and has about done away with the need for the other.

Another assumption that gives power to that attractive phrase, "education for life," is even less true than the first. In the beginning of our industrial development it was fondly hoped that mankind would work the long hours that its ancestors did. The life of the masses, it was believed, would be spent in the workshop. Other forms of human activity would continue to be the function of the few. Hence the need for exclusively practical training. Today we are no longer so optimistic, but we still assume that the major part of most peoples' time and interest is and must be in their daily toil.

The facts are, however, quite different. In regular occupations, the universal eight-hour day is no distant dream. Even the farmer, who likes to believe that he is as hardworking as his grandfather,

and as self-sufficient, is quite modern in this respect. The specialized grain grower or truck farmer would be surprised to learn how his hours of leisure and light labour have increased. Apart from the artificial conditions brought about by labour unions, such a decrease in the hours of work is inevitable. Franklin calculated that, in his time, four hours of work a day by everyone would suffice for the material wants of man. The producing power of each man has increased tremendously. He does not need to work from daybreak to sunset to obtain a livelihood, and he will not. The great increase in wealth has induced a temporary increase in population that partly counter-balances it. But if the history of middle classes is any guide, the general increase in comfort will ultimately result in a stationary population. When the birth rate again falls, the effect of machine production on the hours of labour will be more marked than it is now. At the present time, as Woodrow Wilson expressed it, the average man sleeps eight hours, works eight, and has eight hours of recreation.

Hardly less marked is the decadence of the spirit and pride of craftsmanship. Gone is the village blacksmith of Longfellow, who had no time for anything but the Sunday service, and who found a real justification for life in doing his daily work well. We cannot blame the labour unions for all this. The automatic machine and the extreme subdivision of industrial processes have robbed the workman of any real delight in achievement. The old time butcher could take pride in cutting up a hog in the neatest fashion; not so his descendant in the modern packing plant, who stands in one wet, slippery, bloody spot all day long and severs five hundred heads with five hundred simple monotonous cuts. There are dozens of trades that once challenged the whole man. Today they have been given over to the machine designer and the production expert. The plain man works for the money there is in it—and looks forward to the eight hours of real living.

The early Victorians predicted, and our "practical" men still believe, that mankind is destined to become a great

group of highly-trained artisans, whose whole life is bound up in intense production. In fact, the picture has turned out otherwise. The mass of mankind today has need for less skill, works shorter hours, makes more money, and has more leisure. The industrial world has gone a long way towards reproducing the Athenian democracy, in which the demos did a few chores each morning in the ward committee room, and then had a full day to listen to political orations, study philosophy, or take up any new thing that came up the dusty road from Piræus.

From all this we can draw the conclusion that the so-called practical education is decidedly unpractical. When the manufacturer talks about "education for life," he really means education for production. He would have the schools prepare for the eight hours of work which do not need any special preparation, and ignore the eight hours of leisure that do. The technique of earning money is not half so difficult as the art of spending it. If anyone doubts this, let him reflect on the fruitless extravagance after the war, and on the pathetic attempts to get some real good out of unprecedented earnings. It is time that we become really practical, that some part of the school curriculum be devoted to the art of spending money, of getting the most out of leisure hours.

Now, a training in the art of spending money is not a new thing. It is nothing else than a cultural education. The wealthy and leisured classes since the dawn of history have gone either to the devil or to philosophy. If a nation of newly-made gentlemen is to be saved from the first fate, the public schools must fill their minds with something worth while to do and think about. That something has always been found in a general education.

For many, the provider of such abiding interests will continue to be the Church. One lamentable result of the general upset of religious belief has been a paralysis of the Church in this important office. Think what we may of its creeds, the little country church could beckon the dullest lout one day in seven, and lead him to see that there is some-

thing more in life than food and raiment. The present "Fundamentalist" controversy is of much more than doctrinal significance. The liberal who left the Church, thinking the life of business and industry worth while for itself, has been disillusioned. He is renewing his lapsed membership and is making a determined effort to remake the Church into a congenial home for his higher self.

For the non-ethical part of a general cultural education the modern world must look to the public schools, in which the cultural curriculum should be stressed as never before.

It is not my purpose to bore my readers with a dissertation on a cultural curriculum, the general content of which is pretty well agreed upon. The change in conditions would necessitate a slight change of studies here and there, and involve some shifts in emphasis that are worth pointing out.

The sciences that are studied should be pure, and not applied. A fraction of the time and money now spent on manual training, put into pure physics and chemistry, would be a far better preparation for industry. The early advocates of technical training, and especially Huxley, did propose precisely this, and deprecated any attempt to teach trades wholesale. We need to return to this point of view. Natural history, and especially local natural history, will create an intelligent appreciation of the world about us, and be of real value to the ever-increasing army of autoists and out-of-doors pleasure seekers. The mental twist that the study of pure science engenders will tend to counteract the mischievous effects of organized propaganda from which democratic nations now suffer. Quackery in medicine, religion and politics will have less appeal than it does at present. I would not suggest that we be made into a nation of physicists and zoologists. We would be insufferable. A reasonable amount of science will have the same chastening effect on the higher self that the study of formal harmony and counterpoint has on creative musical genius.

So long as culture embraces the best that has been thought and done in the world, as Arnold emphasized it did, the

study of languages and literature, both modern and ancient, will endure. The cause of English and modern languages needs no special pleading. But the lovers of the classics have a right to object to some of the things said about them. I cannot see why the study of Latin grammar should be ridiculed when the study of French grammar is considered a necessary step to an adequate knowledge of the French language. Our generation lives in the present and underrates the past—a state of mind that the study of science intensifies. If the study of Latin and Greek does nothing but focus attention on the achievements of the past, and make the ancient world a little more real, it is well worth while. Perhaps the texts could be selected with such an end in view. I shall always remember with delight a course in the hymns of the early Latin and medieval Christians. Perhaps it is heresy to suggest that such a course supplant the Oration against Cataline, but its subject matter would give the Protestant a religious and historical perspective that he generally lacks.

There is one subject seldom taught in high schools, that should be added. In a time when every political question is becoming more and more an economic one, and important economic policies are settled by universal suffrage, it seems incredible that not even the barest rudiments of political economy are taught below the college and university. Economics should be bracketed with civics, and both emphasized as prerequisites for intelligent participation in national life.

One more suggestion. Why not remove drawing and music from the catalogue of accessories, and make them major subjects of serious study? As an instrument of learning, drawing is every-bit as important as French or German. As a handmaid to accurate thinking it is as essential as mathematics. In this day of municipal art galleries and the omnipresent phonograph, the best that can be seen and heard is the privilege of everyone. Every one of us has inherited an artistic chromosome from his barbarian ancestors and has more powers of aesthetic enjoyment than we realize. A little well-directed instruction will help us

discover an interesting part of our better selves.

It may be objected that all this is true enough of some eastern city, but does not apply to a pioneering province like Alberta, any more than it did to pioneering Ontario. I think it does. The motives that brought us to Alberta are just the least bit different from those that planted the loyalists from New England and the Ulsterites and the Scotch Highlanders in the hardwood forests of Ontario. All too

many of us are here to get rich and get rich quick. Premier Greenfield, in one of his first utterances after his taking office, pointed out this grave defect in our provincial character. Our occasional jabs at our friends south of the line are ill chosen, for we are tarred with the same stick. If another wave of prosperity is not to ruin us utterly, we should see to it that our educational agencies of all sorts implant a few more ideals and interests and avocations in the rising generation.

English Literature Without Shakespeare

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(An address delivered to the Dramatic Society at the Tercentenary of Shakespeare's First Folio.)

When we try to think of English literature without Shakespeare we may be inclined to say as Cleopatra did after the death of Antony, that there is nothing left remarkable beneath the visiting moon. Yet we would be wrong. There were heroes before Agamemnon and good English writers before Shakespeare. Beowulf and the ballads would still be there; Chaucer and Spenser would be the same. It is worth remembering, too, that, even without Shakespeare, the age of Elizabeth would be great in poetry and in prose. In fact his absence might have one advantage. We would be fairer, perhaps, to his contemporaries. A modern reader is surprised at the cool way Dryden talks of Beaumont and Fletcher and Shakespeare and Ben Jonson together. True, he ranks Shakespeare first in the great things, but to him they are all good dramatists, all more or less faulty, and none of them sacred from the critic. This is as it should be. The republic of letters should not be turned into a limited monarchy, with Shakespeare ruling in England and Burns in Scotland.

But, however sober our praise, it is a plain fact that English literature of the last three centuries—and especially of the last century and a half—would be very different without Shakespeare. To say just what the differences would be is another matter. Literary influence means

something deeper and more intimate than the borrowing of a phrase or a plot. When Shakespeare takes a story from Holinshed we do not speak of Holinshed's influence.

Now, Shakespeare has had enormous influence, and of many sorts. He showed what could be done with English in description, in portraying men and women, in the expression of tragic or comic feeling, in swift natural dialogue. But the influence of the new standards he set up has, for the most part, been indirect. In England, at any rate, he has been followed by no succession of great dramatists. His influence on English drama is the least part of the story. Anyone can see that Tennyson's historical plays try to be like Shakespeare's, and also that they do not succeed. A more characteristic example of Shakespeare's influence is Tennyson's haunting and morbid lyric *Mariana*—inspired by a single line in *All's Well*.

But some of the glories of English literature would be undimmed if Shakespeare had never been. Dryden's *Absalom and Achitophel* would be just as strong and polished; *L'Allegro* and *Il Penseroso* owe something to *As You Like It* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*; but Shakespeare has no hand in *Paradise Lost*. Pope and Johnson both edited and praised Shakespeare, but they are not sealed of his tribe. Burns's poetical forbears lived

north of Tweed; he did not learn much from the Southerner. And so one might go on. We could still make a good showing even with our best men off the team.

Some writers, indeed, have resented Shakespeare-worship as superstitious idolatry. "When I was a very little boy," wrote William Cobbett, "there was a jubilee in honour of Shakespeare, and as he was said to have planted a mulberry tree, boxes and other little ornamental things in wood, were sold all over the country, as having been made out of the trunk or limbs of this ancient and sacred tree . . . of which probably more wood was sold than would have been sufficient in quantity to build a ship of war, or a large house. . . . Shakespeare, who is cried up as the great interpreter of the human heart, has said that the man in whose soul there is no music, or love of music, is 'fit for murders, treasons, stratagems and spoils'. He seems to have forgotten that Shadrach, Mesbach and Abednego, were flung into the fiery furnace (made seven times hotter than usual) amidst the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut and dulcimer, and all kinds of music; he seems to have forgotten that it was a music and a dance-loving damsel that chose, as a recompense for her elegant performance, the bloody head of John the Baptist, brought to her in a charger; he seems to have forgotten that, while Rome burned, Nero fiddled; he did not know, perhaps, that cannibals always dance and sing while their victims are roasting." There is more of the same sort, but enough has been quoted to show what Cobbett would have thought of this afternoon's business.

All I can do here is to note a few different examples of Shakespeare's influence. Take Sir Walter Scott first. "The blockheads," he wrote, "talk of my being like Shakespeare — not fit to tie his brogues," but for all that he is like Shakespeare. The *Waverley Novels* surely owe something to the historical plays. The great figures in the plays, so firmly drawn, so unforgettable—Richard II and III, Prince Hal—were they not in Scott's mind when he made his own portraits of Richard I, Elizabeth and James, and Louis XI? Is it accident that Scott chooses different periods of

English history from Shakespeare, and so escapes comparison with the greater writer? Are not the soliloquies in the novels the prose counterpart of those in the plays? The daring and triumphant mixture of tragedy and comedy, of high and low ranks, in Shakespeare has been an example and challenge to all those who like Scott fill their pages with varied scenes and a miscellaneous population.

If Scott took lessons in drama, dialogue and character drawing, Keats learned other things in the same school. Keats was educated not by his schoolmasters at Enfield, but by the English poets, and by Shakespeare above the rest. Yet what the pupil got is not easy to describe.

Of course there are echoes in Keats of famous Shakespearean passages, such as the one in *Othello* about "antres vast and deserts idle." But that is not the main thing. For him Shakespeare became a touchstone by which to try and discard most of his early weaknesses and vulgarities. "I never quite despair when I read Shakespeare." His best sonnets were modelled on Shakespeare, and one of the most touching was written down in a copy of Shakespeare's poems. Keats was eager to try his hand at drama, and, if he had lived to do it, from Shakespeare again would have come his aid.

To come to our own time. Thomas Hardy's Wessex peasants surely learned some of their talk from Shallow's servant Davy and his like. Some of the great scenes in *The Dynasts*—Moore on his way to Corunna, Nelson dying in Hardy's arms, Wellington at Waterloo—would be less great but for Shakespeare's pageant of English history. And *Tess* would be without its wonderful motto—"Poor wounded name—my bosom as a bed shall lodge thee." And are not Meredith's favourite women sisters of Rosalind, Beatrice and Viola? What would Barrie's play *Dear Brutus* be like if *Midsummer Night's Dream* had never been written? Shakespeare's spirit, like Caesar's, still walks abroad—but with happier results.

Many of the noblest pieces of English prose owe some of their power or beauty to echoes of Shakespeare. Lamb and Hazlitt are full of open or disguised

quotation. Burke's language is usually independent, but in some of his most highly-wrought passages he borrows a phrase or two from Shakespeare. When he speaks of the bonds between England and America he draws on *Othello* and *Hamlet*. "These are ties," he says, "which, though light as air, are as strong as links of iron. Let the Colonists always keep the idea of their civil rights associated with your government; they will cling and grapple to you."

The ordinary language of educated people has been enriched by Shakespeare as by no other of our writers. To mention this is not to digress from my subject, for anything which makes a language richer or more supple affects literature. There is no need to give a list of familiar Shakespearean phrases. But two points may be noted. We quote Shakespeare unawares, as M. Jourdain spoke prose without knowing it. We do not think of phrases like, "The King's English," "The short and the long of it," "a tower of strength," "yeoman service," "to wear your heart upon your sleeve," "metal

more attractive," as being quotations. They have become part of the ordinary stuff of the language. The second point is this: The idea in "more honour'd in the breach than in the observance" could be more simply and directly expressed, but so familiar have such phrases become that we use them in preference to simpler ones.

Without Shakespeare English literature would have counted for less in Europe. The story of his fame and influence on the continent has many chapters, and is not closed yet. Schiller, Goethe, Victor Hugo are three out of many who in spite of the barrier of language have learned from the English master.

And if literature helps to shape the ideals of men—and only a fool or cynic can doubt it—Shakespeare has left his impress on men as well as on books. In the *Outline of History* he is mentioned once in a footnote. But it must have given even Mr. Wells some trouble to keep him out. At any rate, it does not matter. His influence is all around us—"as broad and general as the casing air."

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(OFFICIAL HORN OF CLASS '22)

Can it be two years since we tripped down those steps from the platform in Convocation Hall? (They had a hand-rail this year.) Can everyone still make paper roses, or would you have the same jolly crowd gathered in Athabasca or Pembina to do it? Dr. Lehmann promises to lead that noisy lot on another pilgrimage when we reunite in 1927.

This has been a busy year for '22, scholastically speaking, as eleven of our class receive degrees again: B.Sc.: I. Jones and Jim Nicol; B.D.: Alex. Ogston; LL.B.: Armour Ford, McBrine, Sig Nielson, Stutchbury; M.Sc.: Scroggie and "Brub" MacDonald; M.A.: Tom Hart, Pegrum and Minnie Wershof.

Speaking of degrees, Minnie Wershof says that now she has her M.A. she is going to stop working at a "job with wages" and enjoy a "position with a salary." Helene LaFleche, Lois Black

and Jimmie Adam belonged to that group in Law, but Helene decided to start work for her Master's degree instead, and Jimmie is out teaching, though he is coming back to finish later. Lois is continuing her work at Berkeley. Elmslie Gardiner will be back at Berkeley again next year going on with his investigation.

In two years the members of the class have managed to scatter over the globe. As we saw by the last *Trail*, "Pat," our president, is in California. Nearer home there is Thelma Butchart, who has joined the pedagogical ranks and will be at home—and at school—at Sedgewick on and after May 5th. Peter Miskew has his hands full teaching and doing graduate work in the bargain.

Across the sea, Arthur Morgan is getting along splendidly. As may be expected, he is carrying a course at the

Sorbonne and intends to work during the summer term either there or at Grenoble.

Margaret Wilson is the doctor for the whole district around Irricana. Don Philp is with the Hamly press in Edmonton; and Chub Charlesworth, his friends will be pleased to hear, is spending the summer at the Ponoka Mental Hospital (too many first classes, Chub).

Kemper writes (though not to us) that he has had a busy time during the Easter vacation. His boating experience on the Saskatchewan helped him, with a companion, to make a record trip from Oxford to London. From there he travelled down to Historic Devon on a "push-bike."

Jimmy McCabe is working for his M.A. in old Glasgow. He expects to get his degree in September and will probably be home in October. Are all Scotchmen as uncommunicative as Jimmie? Could ye no' spare us a line for auld lang syne?

Al Swanson writes from "Ioway" that the girls down there can't play basketball as they do at the U. of A. Speaking of basketball, the coast cities will be en-

livened this summer by the presence of Edna Bakewill.

A message has been received for Tubby (christened Harold) Thornton: "To retain that athletic figure, accustom yourself to regular walks—from Ogden to Calgary is suggested. These are most beneficial if taken in the still night, when street cars are hushed and silent, and the mind is free for meditation." Next year we understand that Tubby is going away to study for his Ph.D.

Imagine Daniel Alec Calder Webster holding down the managerial chair of a New York publication! As he so aptly spoke in our Senior play: "My name is Riches and I offer thee (the *Trail*?) a store of wealth exhaustless as the sand." How about an article to the *Trail*, Dan, entitled "Broadway Lights and How I Illuminate Them"?

"Pete" Sanderson hasn't many idle moments. At present he is preparing a report for the Research Council on "Mineralogical Analyses of Cretaceous Rocks." On the first of June he is going to work for the Provincial Geological Survey and in September he will continue his studies at Yale as Assistant in Geology.

Publications by Members of the University Staff

The extent is not generally realized of the contributions to knowledge that are being made by the University of Alberta teachers. Some of these have already been noted in the *Trail*, and here follows a list of publications made during the past year. This list is not complete, but later issues will attempt to note what this omits.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

On the Phenomena Attending Seasonal Changes in the Organization in Leaf Cells of *Picea Canadensis* (Mill) B.S.P.: F. J. Lewis and G. M. Tuttle. *New Phytologist*, vol. 22, Dec. 1923.

The following is from an abstract of this paper in *Nature*, Feb. 2:

"In observing the effect of the change from winter to summer upon the contents of the living cells in *Picea Canadensis*, it

was found that with the advent of summer starch reappears in these cells, the chloroplasts are reorganized, the pigment alters in character; but a striking result of the further work of these authors is to show that these changes appear to commence early in April in Canada, quite independently of the surrounding temperature, and occur in darkness to the same extent as in light."

The Anatomy of Coniferous Buds: F. J. Lewis and E. S. Dowding. *Annals of Botany*, vol. 38, No. CXLX. April, 1924.

It was found that these buds are divided off from the older parts of the stem by a rigid plate of thick walled tissue, below which the pith breaks down to form a cavity. These structures persist, and can be recognized at the nodes of the old branches.

Developmental Studies in the Genus *Collybia*: E. H. Moss. *Transactions of the Royal Canadian Institute*, Toronto, vol. XIV., Pt. 2.

This paper deals with the manner of the unfolding of the fruiting body of the velvet-stemmed mushroom.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Some Preparations from Malric and Fumaric Acids: H. G. Oddy. *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, No. 9, Sept., 1923.

Positive Halogens in Derivatives of 2-iodo-4-aminotoluene: R. B. Sandin. Submitted in candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, University of Chicago, Illinois.

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

Loxus, Physician and Physiognomist: Miss G. Misener. *Classical Philology*, vol. XVIII, No. 1, Jan., 1923.

"It is impossible to determine the date of Loxus from the few authentic fragments. The central doctrine upon which his science of physiognomy is built, the location of the soul in the blood, connects him with Empedocles and the Sicilian school of medicine.

"The blood is the seat of the soul. The signs given by the whole body vary with the swiftness of the blood. When the blood is copious it causes the body to be large and ruddy, the hair solid and dense, but it dulls the keenness of the intellect."

On Ovid A.M., ii-19 and iii-4; W. G. Hardy. *Classical Philology*, vol. XVIII, No. 3, July, 1923.

In this note it is pointed out that these two elegies have a similar theme, the superior desirability of a difficult or dangerous love, and it is probable that the poet here, as elsewhere, is drawing from a common stock of themes, in vogue during his stay in Italy.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

An Elizabeth Diarist: E. K. Broadus. *Dalhousie Quarterly*, April, 1924.

A study of John Manningham, whose especial interest is in connection with his description of the performance of *Twelfth Night* in the hall of the Middle Temple in 1601.

The Song of Beowulf: Translated by R. K. Gordon.

This is a prose translation published by the Dent Company in their series of classics called the *King's Treasures*.

DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

Biological Notes on Parasites of Prairie Cutworms: E. H. Strickland. Dominion of Canada Dept. of Agriculture *Bulletin*, No. 26.

Wherein are described the life histories of six parasites that infect the larvae of night-flying moths.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

Saunder's Creek and Nordegg Coal Basins, Alberta, Canada: John A. Allan and Ralph L. Rutherford. *Fourth Annual Report on the Mineral Resources of Alberta*, 1922, Part I.

This deals with two important coal basins in central western Alberta about which little geological data was available.

An Occurrence of Iron on Lake Athabasca: John A. Allan and Alen E. Cameron. *Fourth Annual Report on the Mineral Resources of Alberta*, 1922, Part II.

In discussing the commercial possibilities of producing iron-ores from this district it was pointed out that the report shows clearly the development of such ores could not be a commercial success within the near future.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Mystery of Walker's Ear: A. L. Burt. *The Canadian Historical Review*, vol. III, No. 3.

One hundred and fifty years ago Thomas Walker, of Montreal, lost an ear in an assault. The culprits could not be discovered, and the incident was responsible for the recall of the first English Governor. In this paper the cloud of mystery that surrounds the assault is cleared up.

The Horoscope of Mars: A. L. Burt. *The Queen's Quarterly*, Feb., 1923.

This is an analyses of the art of warfare in modern society to find out what forces are at work to suppress and to encourage war.

Sir Guy Carleton in His First Council: A. L. Burt. *The Canadian Historical Review*, Dec. 1923.

The investigation throws light on the character of this man as a tyrant and a dishonest politician.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The Spectroscopic Orbit of H.R. 6532 and the Radial Velocities of Ten Stars: J. W. Campbell. *Publications of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory*, Victoria, vol. II, No. 5, Sept., 1922.

The purpose of radial velocity work in astronomy is the accumulation of data regarding the line of sight velocities of the individual stars, in order to investigate the fundamental problem of the dynamical structure of the stellar universe.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Some Present-day Tendencies in Philosophy: J. M. MacEachran. *Philosophical Essays presented to John Watson*.

This essay treats especially of the relation between science and philosophy, and in concluding the author states that—"Just as in the larger questions with which philosophy has always been concerned, there is much to be gained by a closer co-operation with science, so in that sphere of human values in which the philosopher is bound to be more particularly interested, there is everything to be gained by a better understanding of the results and methods of psychology."

The Psychology of Neurosis: E. D. MacPhee. *The Canadian Medical Association Journal*, June, 1923.

A study of the development of the symptoms of neurosis and a critical examination of the Freudian hypothesis.

Effects of Primogeniture on Intelligence. E. D. MacPhee and C. B. Willis. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.

An experimental investigation of the intellectual capacities of two hundred and nineteen pairs of children, being the first and second born in the family.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Audible Sonic Beats from Inaudible Sources: E. W. Boyle, S. C. Morgan and J. F. Lehmann.

Showing that it is possible to listen to the interference of two trains of waves which are themselves inaudible.

A Photographic Method for Investigating the Interference of Ultra-Sonic Wave Trains: R. W. Boyle and J. F. Lehmann.

Dealing with the dust figures produced by the interference of ultra-sonic wave trains, with photographs.

Photographs of Ultra-Sonic Standing Waves and Certain Diffraction Effects: R. W. Boyle and J. F. Lehmann.

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Numerous papers by Dr. J. B. Collip on insulin, glukokinin and the endocrine glands have appeared in biological and physiological journals.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

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Convocation

Three honorary degrees were conferred at Convocation in May. The degree of LL.D. was conferred on David Lynch Scott, Chief Justice of Alberta, and on Christian Peter Marker, Knight of Danebrog, professor of dairying and Alberta's dairy commissioner. On Vernon West Barford, A.A.G.O., was conferred the honorary M.A. degree for his distinguished services to music in Alberta.

This Convocation was notable for the admission of Professor James Bertram Collip, M.A., Ph.D., to the degree of Doctor of Science, the first time in the University's history that this degree has been given. The work presented in candidacy for this degree was judged by independent authorities in other universities, and they reported it to be of exceptionally high quality.

Following is the number of other degrees presented:

Bachelor of Arts, 69.

Bachelor of Commerce, 7.

Bachelor of Science in Arts, 6.

Bachelor of Science in Household Economics, 8.

Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, 3.

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, 3.

Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering, 4.

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, 6.

Bachelor of the Science of Agriculture (B.S.A.), 11.

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.Sc.), 8.

Bachelor of Laws, 32.

Master of Arts, 18.

Master of Science in Applied Science, 2.

Master of Science in Arts, 2.

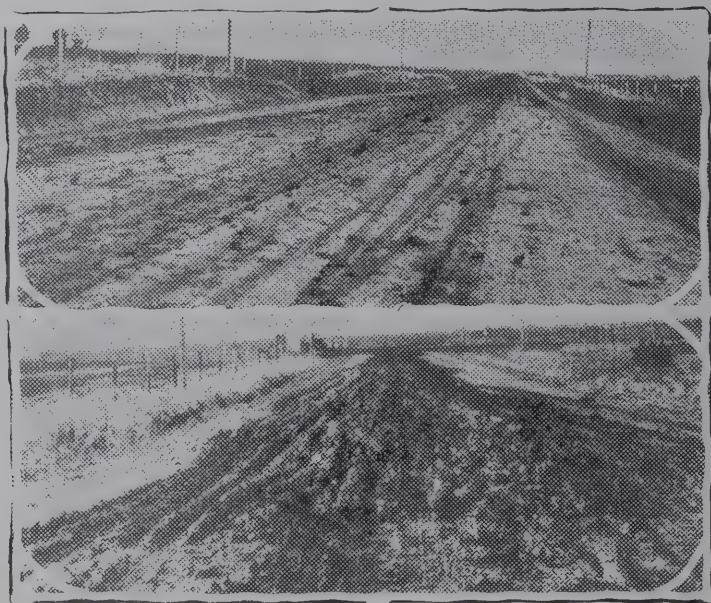
Master of Science in Agriculture, 1.

Bachelor of Education, 5.

Bachelor of Divinity, 1.

In addition twenty-one *ad eundem* degrees of various kinds were granted, and sixteen received diplomas in pharmacy.

Bituminized Earth Road Test



The industrial research department of the University of Alberta has just concluded a bituminized earth road experiment in which a binding extracted from Fort McMurray tar sands was utilized. The upper photo, taken on May 26 after a 24-hour rain, shows the surface of the treated earth road on the Fort Saskatchewan trail unaffected by the wet weather and the traffic. Mud thrown from the wheels of autos can be seen strewn over the surface of the road.

Lower view shows the clay road adjacent to the treated stretch, softened by the rain and churned into deep mud by the traffic. In the close forefront can be seen the line marking the commencement of the treated road where traffic has emerged from the mud on to solid roadway.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

From August 6 to 13 the British Association for the Advancement of Science will meet in Toronto, this being its fifth visit to Canada. The last Canadian meeting was held at Winnipeg in 1909. About 350 members are expected from overseas, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science is also co-operating. Twelve sections, representing different branches of science, will hold their own separate meetings, in which the discussions will include the leadings scientists of the empire. The

president of the Association is Major-General Sir David Bruce.

After the Toronto meeting there will be excursions into northern Ontario and a transcontinental trip with stoppages at several places. A general meeting will take place in Saskatoon to assist at the opening of the new Chemistry Building, and at Edmonton there will be a day of sectional meetings and public lectures.

Professor Lewis, largely through whose exertions the western visit is being made, is secretary of the Alberta committee, and Dr. Tory is chairman.

The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the Hudson's Bay dining-room on Saturday, May 19, 1924, at 1:30 p.m.

The first business was the receiving of reports. The president, Miss Simpson, in reporting on the year's work, thanked Dean Kerr for his many services to the Association, and also thanked the executive and the editor of the *Trail*. Mr. Hollies, the treasurer, presented his report concisely. The report, having been audited by the Bursar, was adopted without any question. In reporting the *Trail* the editor, Mr. Jones, gratefully acknowledged help from many sources, and suggested that members might help their publication by giving news, by getting advertisements, and by patronizing advertisers.

Mr. Sanderson and Miss Tregillus drew attention to the vast amount of labour done by the secretary and treasurer, and moved that in future these officers be paid by the hour. Although heartily in favour of paying for this routine work, the meeting felt that to pay by the hour would not be practicable, and decided, on the motion of Mr. McColl and Mr. Gowan, to pay the secretary and the treasurer fifty dollars each for the year in future. On the motion of Mr. Armour Ford and Mr. Bert Rudd, like amounts were voted to the retiring secretary and treasurer.

The chief business of the meeting was the presentation of a motion to discard the present constitution in favour of a new one drawn up by the newly-formed Calgary branch. The motion was signed by Mr. Charles F. Reilly, mover, and Mr. James R. Davidson, seconder. Much discussion took place, but decision was postponed till an adjourned meeting to be held on the evening before Convocation, in order that delegates from Calgary might present their views. The chief changes proposed by the suggested constitution were that the governing body of the Alumni Association should be an Executive Council consisting of the president, secretary and treasurer of each branch (Edmonton organization henceforth to be one of the branches), and that persons with one year's academic stand-

ing at the University should be admitted as associate members of any branch society.

The meeting felt that these changes could be brought about by amendments to the existing constitution, and that constitutions should not be hastily discarded. To consider this point and to report at the adjourned meeting, a committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Ford, Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Herbert. In the discussion several speakers stressed the necessity of avoiding friction, for the spirit of the Association is more important than the form. Although the speakers did not agree wholly with the proposed changes, they felt that they showed a keen interest on the part of the Calgary members.

After this discussion, Mr. Dixon Craig tendered his resignation as chairman of the Memorial Fund Committee, and suggested that the new executive should consider its most important work to be the Memorial Fund.

A vote of thanks to the retiring president and executive was moved by Mr. Rudd, seconded by Miss Edwards, and carried. The meeting then adjourned, to meet again in the Lounge of Athabasca Hall on May 14, at six o'clock, before the annual banquet.

At the adjourned meeting Mr. Sinclair Budd, of Calgary, outlined the proposed changes in the constitution. Mr. Ford gave the report of his committee to the effect that the Calgary members had agreed to withdraw their constitution and bring forward a new resolution. In behalf of Mr. Reilly, Mr. Davidson then withdrew the constitution, and moved that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved—

1. That a committee of F. Armour Ford, J. O. G. Sanderson, W. B. Herbert, Harry Nolan, D. C. Sinclair and W. S. Budd, be appointed to revise the constitution of this Association, and to report to the next general meeting of this Association.

2. That the constitution shall make provision for reconstruction of this Association into a group of branch organiza-

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OXFORD-ALBERTA DEBATE

An event of prime interest at the University this fall will be a debate between Oxford and Alberta. Canada's status as a nation within the empire will be the topic of discussion. The resolution reads: "Resolved that external affairs of Canada be conducted by the King wholly upon the advice of his Canadian ministers, and that any obligation thereby incurred be binding henceforth on Canada alone." The Alberta team, which will take the affirmative, consists of Messrs. Bryan, O'Brien and Mackay, with Mr. Mahaffy as substitute. The team was chosen before the summer vacation in order that it might put in some good preparation, as the debate may take place as early as October.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—In connection with the Players' Club of the Alumni Association, a suggestion has been made to which I should like to give publicity in your columns.

As you are aware we formed, two years ago, a circle of alumni for the double purpose of studying drama and producing plays. About a score of members have attended meetings during these two sessions, and, although we have not yet found any favourable opportunity for producing a play, we have had serviceable discussions of modern drama. During the first session we had a series of Ibsen studies, and in the session just finished we considered modern English drama, derived mainly from Ibsen. In this study we devoted one meeting to Jones and Pinero, dealing especially with "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" and "The Case of Rebellious Susan." At another meeting the plays of Galsworthy were read, "Strife" and "The Skin Game" being the chief features. An interesting discussion arose out of the comparison of Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra" with Dryden's "All For Love" and Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra." The social dramas of Shaw were the topic at two subsequent meetings, but we have not yet reached "Back to Methusaleh."

These meetings have been held at the homes of various members of the club,

and out-of-town alumni cannot, of course, participate in this periodical hospitality. But it has been suggested to me that they might at least participate in the study of the plays assigned for discussion at each meeting. If there are any out-of-town alumni who would care to join us in the study, it seems quite feasible that intimations of our meetings might be posted to them. As the plays assigned for reading are usually to be had from the library of the Extension Department of the University, arrangements could no doubt be made for having copies sent from there.

Any who wish to join our Circle as corresponding members will be heartily welcome, and should arrange by writing to me soon, so that the supply of reading material may be provided in good time. There is no membership fee for this club—the postage of books will be the only expense involved.

Yours truly,
J. ADAM.

ADDITIONS TO UNIVERSITY STAFF

The following new appointments have been made to the University staff:

Dr. W. C. Laidlaw, associate professor of Public Health;

Alexander J. Cooke, B.Sc. (Alberta), M.A. (Harvard), lecturer in Mathematics;

R. B. Sandin, M.A. (Alberta), Ph.D. (Chicago), assistant professor of Chemistry;

S. Neilson, B.A. and LL.B. (Alberta), instructor in Law.

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The Chancellor's Portrait

J. ADAM, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF DRAWING.

One of the attractions of the 1924 Convocation was the presentation to the University of a portrait of Chancellor Stuart. It is the work of F. H. Varley, painted during his recent visit to Edmonton, and a companion to the President's portrait painted by the same artist last year.

tically the dignified demeanour of the Chancellor. Future generations will see in this portrait a man of large vision and clear insight. If, at first, one is impressed by these qualities, rather than by the kindly sympathy and urbanity of Justice Stuart, a closer acquaintance with the



The painting shows Chancellor Stuart seated. He wears the academic dress of his university (Toronto)—a black gown with purple facings and borders of thin gold braid. In his hand he holds a trencher with yellow tassel. The erect poise of the head gives the impression of an alert mind engaged in judicial discrimination. The face is slightly turned away from the spectator, and the whole arrangement expresses very characteris-

picture will show that the latter qualities have also been realized.

In order, probably, to harmonize with the expression of judicial contemplation Mr. Varley has chosen to paint this portrait in middle tones. The head is not modelled up to any high light, the only approach to that being in the collar peaks and the trencher tassel. As was to be expected from one so closely associated with the ideas of that section of younger

Canadian artists known as "the Group of Seven," the color scheme of the Stuart portrait is highly unconventional. For Mr. Varley the age of bituminous background is past; here we have instead, behind the figure with its purple facings and gold braid, a surface of dull yellow faintly tinged with orange and broken by large masses of gray tone. Brownish-red tiles on the floor accentuate the glow of color and sense of atmosphere which pervade the whole canvas.

Those who have seen the President's portrait will realize that the color schemes of the two canvasses are supplementary, and this gives a pleasing impression as they are seen hanging on opposite walls of the Senate Chamber.

There is no sense of hack-work in either of them. One feels that the artist has planned to build up in each case a distinctive unity of impression, created afresh out of the environment and search for character. It happens that he has done this at a time when ideas of portrait-painting, as of all forms of art, are in an unrestful condition. Tradition has been set aside; a new synthesis is being attempted. This demands of the observer an unusual effort of projection into the painter's mood. This is what Mr. Varley asks in the portrait of Chancellor Stuart. The more willing we are to approach the contemplation of it in this spirit, the greater will be our appreciation of this production by Canada's foremost portrait painter.

Marquis 111

G. H. CUTLER, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FIELD HUSBANDRY

The policy in wheat breeding in the Department of Field Husbandry of the University of Alberta, as laid down in 1917, was to develop wheat to suit the varied conditions of precipitation, growing season, altitude, etc., existing in the province of Alberta. Two more or less definite types of wheat are therefore kept in mind, namely: for areas of limited rainfall, a wheat of longer, stronger straw, and greater production than Marquis, with suitable baking and milling qualities; and for those areas where early fall frosts are feared, a productive wheat consistent with early maturity and good milling and baking qualities to substitute for Ruby.

Though several new and promising strains have been isolated or produced, the most promising new variety is a wheat which has been designated No. 111. This wheat is the result of selection from a natural cross-bred discovered in 1918. It appears to be a cross between Marquis and Red Fife, since it combines in a remarkable degree many of the good characters of these excellent varieties of wheat.

The original plant from which this new variety has sprung was conspicuously

productive. When discovered it appeared easily six inches taller than Marquis, with a correspondingly long open head. The straw was large, stiff and strong. These characteristics marked it as an individual of superior merits which, if preserved and studied, might prove of value as a new strain. Accordingly we picked it out and propagated it in 1919 to study its peculiar characteristics and ascertain if, when propagated, it would behave as did the mother plant. In 1919 there was sufficient seed of it to put out a row in comparison with Marquis. As the wheats approached maturity it was plainly evident that this was an entirely different variety of wheat from Marquis. It again towered some six inches above Marquis and gave promise of being considerably more productive. Inasmuch as there was much variation in plant and seed characters, however, selections were systematically made in order to stabilize the strain to one definite type.

In 1920 sufficient seed was available with which to put out a good-sized plot in competition with Marquis, and tests were carried out through 1920, 1921 and 1922. During these three years careful selection work was continued, until in

1922 a stable, constant, superior type of wheat was evolved. During the last three years, in plot tests, the following average results have been secured:

	Days growth	Average height	Wt. per 1000 kernels grams.	Tons per acre 1.869 1.951	Yield of Straw grain Bush. 39.30 48.42
Marquis	109	40.67"	36.175	1.869	39.30
New Wheat..	112.67	45.33"	43.41	1.951	48.42

It will be seen that the new type of wheat, although some three days later, possesses a greater straw length, larger kernel, and a greater productive capacity than Marquis. The heavy rainfall in June and July of last year gave an opportunity of testing the strength of straw of this strain as against that of Marquis, which resulted in showing, in a most conspicuous manner, the great superiority of No. 111.

It should be pointed out, in justice to this wheat, that, while the average yield per acre for the three years under test is a little over 9 bushels more, an analysis of the figures show that each year the new wheat has outyielded Marquis by a little better than 9 bushels per acre.

The milling and baking qualities of the flour from this wheat, as shown by tests conducted by two independent milling laboratories in Winnipeg, are equal, if not superior, to those of Marquis or Red Fife.

If Marquis No. 111 proves as well as it promises at the present time, it will meet a number of important requirements, namely:

(1) Supplying greater length and strength of straw than Marquis for the limited rainfall areas where Marquis has been so short in the dry years as to be very difficult, if not impossible, to harvest;

(2) Off-setting the inevitably decreasing yields on older lands; and

(3) Decreasing the cost of production in wheat, through the maintenance of satisfactory yields.

It should be pointed out that, up to date, the aim has been to test this new wheat carefully at Edmonton and a few local points in the province, and not to multiply it for distribution. As a result, only a very limited amount of seed is available. The Department of Field Husbandry will endeavour to have it mul-

tiplied sufficiently so that a general distribution can be made in the spring of 1925. In the meantime it will be further tested by members of the Alberta Crop Improvement Association scattered widely over the province of Alberta.

Marquis No. 111 will carry its number until sufficient seed has been multiplied to place it out for general use, when it will be dignified by a name, as is the privilege of all new varieties of proven merit.

THE STRAGGLERS

We are the lonely stragglers,
Men who have gone astray;
Who started out with the old class shout
But dropped out on the way—
Marked "casualties" when the roll was
called
On Convocation Day.

Our paths run wandering outwards
From the Education trail;
For some weren't strong and the road
seemed long
And often slow and stale.
Then some there were of the hopeless
stuff
Who could do nought but fail.

Others there were grown restless
And their fingers would not slip
To clutch again at the scholar's pen—
They were bent for the rifle's grip.
They, too, were down on the "missing"
list

At the finish of the trip.

We are the lonely stragglers,
Men who have gone astray;
And we'll never claim, to conclude our
name,
The coveted sign, "B.A."
The hopes we had for a gown and scroll
Are dead with Yesterday.

Black sheep, forever wandering
Far from the parent fold—
The courses run and the things we've
done
Are scattered, vague, untold—
But our eyes still shine when the sun
goes down
In a blaze of Green and Gold.

FREDERICK B. WATT.
(Originally of Class '23.)

Varsity Sport

Since the last issue of this homely journal many vital developments in sport have been experienced here. Only a summary with very limited remarks can be offered at this late day, as most of the news has found its way through those somewhat necessary but *déclassé* channels, the papers, to our readers.

In both basketball and hockey our senior teams began brilliantly, but ended with but small reason for rapture.

After cleaning up the Edmonton all-star basketeers handily, and thus acquiring the Northern Alberta championship, the basketball team beat Calgary and Taber in the south, but lost out in two games to Raymond. They had to insist on Raymond's having the chance at the provincial title, as this team had been disqualified.

Later our team lost its next most important series to the University of Saskatchewan in two games, total score 47-44, each team winning on its opponent's floor.

The only explanations for this year's unusual weakness seemed to be partly over-anxiety on the part of the guards to score, and our centre player's allowing a loose man to roam.

The intermediates also lost the city title.

The hockey team won the Northern Alberta championship after the City League had been properly attended to, but lost their round in the provincial senior amateur play-offs against Canmore.

Returning home again, they lost a series against the Penn Miners, erstwhile "cellar finishers" in the City League, for the Duggan challenge cup.

Taken all in all, however, the hockey team deserve much commendation. This year's team, under McMillan (Aubs.) and Dr. Hardy, have re-established hockey at U. of A., and in so doing have accomplished something, for hockey is our premier winter pastime and winter is our main Varsty time.

The interfaculty hockey cup went to the Medent team, who won all their games. Apparently physiology, *et al*, and hockey form a compatible compound.

Men's athletics was wound up by the usual annual banquet, held this year in Athabasca.

The annual indoor track-meet was a big success as usual. The Seniors carried off the gonfalon largely on account of the versatility of Waines.

One of the household features in sports this term was the record of Dunc. McNeil's table of athletes at our dining room. This group challenged and won in every event they could think of, against all the other tables of the residence. Their list included rugby, hockey, basketball, golf, craps, baseball, poker and bridge.

To return to really important items, we mention the ladies. Their record for the year far outshone that of the men. In basketball they won eleven out of thirteen starts, being downed only by the North American champions, the Commercial Grads, in two games. They went as far as Winnipeg looking for trouble and found none.

Their hockey team also won for the women of this school an athletic prestige which is indeed notable.

The part played by the women in holding the annual indoor track meet was a very important one. Their events and enthusiasm make this affair worth while. One must grant, of course, that this indoor athletic business is women's forte. They also staged an athletic banquet and it was a "classy" affair, the decorations for it being alone worth going miles to see.

This completes our summary of the important athletic news for this last quarter.

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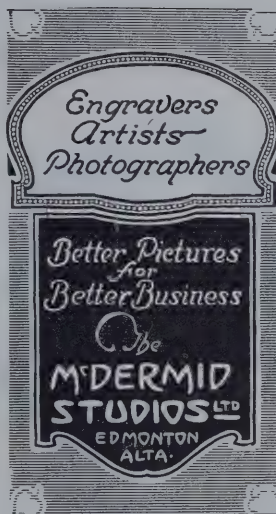
THE ANNUAL MEETING

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tions with a central executive stationed at Edmonton.

3. That the president, secretary and treasurer of any branch of this Association be appointed members of the Executive Council of the Association for 1924-25.

Mr. Craig objected that the wording of the resolution was obscure, and that the committee's hands should not be tied in any way. He felt that one meeting should be held in Calgary and one in Edmonton by the committee. Mr. Craig moved an amendment to the effect that the gentlemen named in the resolution be appointed a committee to consider revision of the constitution and to make recommendations at a general meeting of the Association to be held as soon as the committee deems wise. This amendment was seconded by Mrs. I. F. Morrison, and carried. Mr. Sanderson stating that he would be unable through absence to act on this committee, Mr. Craig was appointed to take his place.



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GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY join in extending to Cecil E. Race, our highly esteemed registrar, the heartiest congratulations on his recent election as an Asso-



C. E. Race, M.A., C.A., A.C.I.S.

ciate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

This position is one of high honor to the recipient, and very few candidates ever attain to the exacting qualifications demanded. In Canada there are only a very few associates of this institute, of which H.M. the King is the patron. Varsity is justly proud of Mr. Race and his achievement.

Mr. Race's appointment was based upon his fourteen years' service at the University and twelve as secretary of the Chartered Accountants of Alberta; on a thorough examination in a wide range of subjects, such as languages, economics, secretarial practice, mercantile law and kindred commercial subjects, and upon a number of special recommendations.

THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM went on tour after convocation, playing games at Banff, Kamloops, Penticton, Van-

couver and Victoria. They won every game.

IT MAY BE OF INTEREST to know that the Department of Architecture draws up the plans for the University Buildings in conjunction with Noble & Hyde, Montreal architects. Plans for the new wing of the University Hospital, which was built last year, were made by Professor Burgess.

AT MARTIN-HARVEY's memorable production of *Oedipus Rex* in Edmonton recently, about sixty University students gave effective assistance in the cast.

DR. R. W. BOYLE, Professor of Physics, accompanied by Charles Reid, '23, is spending the summer on a Canadian Government boat, carrying on experiments in the detection of inaudible sound-waves. It is expected that this practical testing of experiments that have been conducted for some years at the University of Alberta will result in greater safety for navigation.

IN THE *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*, 1923, an article by Chas. W. Gilmore, assistant curator of paleontology at the United States National Museum, contains the following:

"The University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, is the fortunate possessor of the most perfectly preserved specimen of the soft-shelled turtle, *Aspideretes*, that has yet been discovered. This specimen was collected by George F. Sternberg, who has admirably prepared and mounted the skeleton in a life-like pose. . . . Through the courtesy of Dr. John A. Allan, I have been given the opportunity of describing this beautiful specimen, a work which has been greatly facilitated by the free use of an uncompleted manuscript prepared by Mr. Sternberg. . . . He recognized the specimen represented a new species, and had proposed the name *Aspideretes Allani* for its reception, and I take great pleasure in using this name in honour of Dr. Allan, who in the past two years, under difficult circumstances, has so successfully brought together a collection of vertebrate fossils that is already fairly representative of the wonderfully rich fields within the province."

DR. GENEVA MISENER, associate professor of Classics at the University of Alberta, is lecturing in Greek at the Chicago University summer session, from June to September. Miss Misener is giving two courses, an undergraduate course on Greek drama and a graduate course on Homer.

PROFESSOR W. H. ALEXANDER is spending the summer in archeological studies in Greece and Italy.

PROFESSOR F. J. LEWIS will be the delegate representing the Royal Society of Canada at the Imperial Botanical conference to be held in London, July 7-16. At the conference he will present "A Scheme for an Outline Botanical Survey of Canada." This paper will be an important contribution to the discussion on vegetation survey in different parts of the empire. Professor Lewis has been asked also to present the views of overseas universities in a discussion involving the possibility of exchanging staff-members and post-graduate students between the overseas and home universities, and, secondly, the desirability of providing further facilities for botanical research in the tropics and the dominions.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY, under Dr. Revell's efficient guidance, is fast collecting specimens of a somewhat rare and varied nature for the Museum. Dr. Shaner, associate professor anatomy, has made a considerable contribution in the way of wax models, which are being used for teaching. The attention of all graduates and students, irrespective of faculty,

is called to the fact that any contribution to the Museum will be greatly appreciated.

CLASS '24 has decided to hold its first reunion in 1929. Its permanent executive consists of Mr. Clarence Campbell, president, and Miss Gretta Simpson, secretary.

THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL has appointed one of the students, at a salary of \$300, to act as a "central financial check" on all expenditures and equipment of societies in the union.

IN THE INTERFACULTY DEBATING contest the final took place between Agriculture and Medicine, the Meds winning.

THE GATEWAY published a special Convocation edition which included the examination results. It was mailed to the students so as to bring them the good or evil news on Convocation Day.

DR. A. C. RANKIN, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and director of the Provincial Laboratory, reports that the past year has seen a decided increase in the amount of pathological material examined, in the number of diagnoses of infectious diseases, and in the quantity of vaccine distributed to various points in Alberta.

J. MACGREGOR-SMITH, professor of agricultural engineering, is attending the summer session at Iowa State College.

PROFESSOR STANLEY SMITH, department of physics, is spending the summer at Victoria, carrying out some astro-physical experiments at the observatory.

Sparks from the Treasurer's Anvil

By R. T. HOLLIES

We are on the threshold of a new alumni year, a new executive have taken over their duties, and among them a new Treasurer will shortly be reminding us that fees are due for 1924-25. Before making our bow of adieu, we take pleasure in forwarding news of many old friends, and also we would again remind you that those of us who can should send our fee "tout suit" to keep the new Treasurer, H. R. Webb, as busy as a bee must be during a short summer.

The first word that reached us since our last spasm was from Duffield, Alberta, where

Miss M. MacEachern, '23, is teaching. Her brother, N. A., is at Wetaskiwin—news probably to many old timers in Applied Science before the war.

Miss Eva A. Brownlee, '23, is a reticent sort of person, but we can at least gather the information that she is staying temporarily at Minburn.

We are forcibly reminded of the energetic group of members that reside in Calgary when we read Sinclair Budd's letter from 200 Lancaster Building. It would be fine for the Association if a few more centres would

show even half the "pep" that the cow-town does.

Miss Constance E. McLaughlin, '21, was teaching high school at Chauvin, Alberta. Some real news of her doings will be found elsewhere in this number.

The Rev. W. Sykes has a mission field at Craigmyle, Alberta. He was able to scrape together two "berries" for the Association. Thank you, Bill, for your boost of the Trail, and may you have an excellent holiday in Old Blighty this summer.

Class '23 seems to have taken a keen interest in the Association from the start. Such letters as those from D. J. McKinnon, Bassano; Cedric Edwards, Camrose, and E. L. Churchill, 6024 Ellis Ave., Chicago, are ample proof of this statement.

C. T. Allwork, '22, is in the old country, but we have only an address, c/o Miss Fanny Beeby, 8916 85th Avenue, Edmonton, for him.

A short visit from C. F. Reilly, president of the Calgary branch, was our pleasure at Convocation time. We hope to see more of him during the Summer School session in July.

The "Vest Pocket Edition," '19, is an enthusiastic teacher in geology at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. With her teaching geology this Ohio University must have other interests than football in autumn, basketball in winter and baseball in spring. Good luck, Dr. Grace Stewart, in your work at Columbus.

Geology is much to the fore, as the next letter is from R. P. Miller, of the Department of Geological Sciences, University of California, Berkeley. He is still working up his Ph.D. in geology at that university, so there should be another one of us helping to educate the Yanks or their western cousins.

Mrs. Sybil Sprung McIntyre, of Reston, Manitoba, gives us word of Lila Fraser, of 413 Kennedy Street, Nanaimo, B.C. Miss Fraser is teaching.

J. Archer, LL.B., '15, dictates his letters from Lake Saskatoon, Alberta. Though he doesn't write them himself they are brief and to the point, which suggests that he is a busy, successful barrister.

Pat Donaldson was so pleased with our paper that he obeyed our oft-repeated instructions to the letter, namely: (1) Send your fees; (2) give any news of members that you can; (3) give news of yourself. His address is changed since our last issue to 625 E Queen Street, Inglewood, Calif. He gives word of Jean Stuart, whose address is Box 293-B R.F.D. 1, Redonda, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles. The newly-married Art Carswell is at 2612½ 112th Avenue Sawtelle, California. Say, Art, we have not heard from you for many moons. We would like to.

We had a visit from Roy Taylor the other day, but he only stayed long enough to pay

his fees and say hello. A letter sent to Ponoka will reach him. He is in charge of the Battle River Mission on the Hobbema Indian Reserve.

Miss R. W. Cain, '19, is an enthusiastic high school teacher at Lloydminster. We hope that the smaller towns of the west will not attempt to copy the Edmonton authorities in continually harping on the high cost of education in a province where there are over 40,000 autos for less than three-quarter of a million people. We are tempted to write an editorial at length on this very important question.

We were saved possible worry when Fred Pennock wrote us a short time ago. First, he sent his fee, which saved the bother of a dun, and second, he wrote the accompanying letter on his business stationery, permitting us to solve, almost immediately, the beautiful though illegible signature to his communication.

Perry Hamilton has set a high mark for other Rhodes scholars to attain in the way he keeps his alumni fees paid up.

Dr. Bill Seyer gives little information of the work of the U. of B.C. except that they are at last getting the permanent building of that institution put up.

B. T. Mair, '22, talks of moving to the cement plant at Marlboro for his summer's work.

Chemistry seems our topic just now, so it will not be amiss to point out the capable way Arthur Scroggie handled the work of the Provincial Industrial Laboratories this spring, when Mr. J. A. Kelso was laid up with a very painful eye, received while practising golf. Mr. Kelso is again on his feet, but must now feel that he has the sort of assistant that "is there" in a pinch.

Miss Ivy Wilson, '22, spared time from her urgent duties of teaching 45 Calgary youngsters to drop a line and also send two years' alumni fees, all in the same breath. She also sent word of Miss Mary Kask, '22, who is teaching high school at Matsqui, B.C.

N. F. Bell, '19, of Islay, Alberta, is the capable editor of "The Radio," the paper of the Alumni Association, School of Agriculture, Vermilion. He kindly forwarded us a copy of the March number, which I am turning over to the editor for comment.—[We find the "Radio" a creditable broadcaster, and through its columns we tuned in on several of our own graduates.—Ed.]

It was like old times to get word from Esther Anderson, who is living at home, 9640 103rd Avenue, Edmonton. She is teaching in this city.

Miss Ethel Steele has returned to her home in Ponoka.

As I look through the letters I find several which commence, "Enclosed please find,

etc., etc." They are all signed by S. R. Laycock. It is well that our new President sets such an example.

We cannot dismiss Dr. N. A. Clark with a mere word; he sends much news: (1) Confirms Walter Middleton's address as Winfield, R.R. 1, Vernon, B.C.; (2) states that Jim Meagher has left Iowa State College (for the summer) to return to Marsden, Sask., and that Jim expects to return next autumn to Anus, Iowa, for further study; (3) N. A. himself may possibly visit his old haunts in Alberta during the summer. This is welcome news.

Our old class mate, Fred Batson, must be making it pay as an engineer when he can write such a newsy cheerful letter. Fred and Mrs. Batson are living at 310 Voorhees Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.

Miss Alice Swanson sent a brief note from Clinton, Iowa, 800 3rd Avenue, but she gives no news of her work or pleasure.

A word of appreciation of the Trail was received from J. R. Drysdale. The wording was all contained on a cheque. This is real praise.

We had quite a bit of correspondence with J. H. Sayers, of Killam, Alberta, but we didn't get much news from him.

If you want to communicate with Miss Ivy M. Steele write via Ponoka, as she gave us no street and number for her New York abode. We doubt that just "New York State" will reach her.

We were afraid of getting through the year without word from Dr. William Berry, of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, but early in April in came his two berries from Rochester and news of Mrs. Killam, who is living in that fair city.

Duncan, B.C., is still the home of W. M. Fleming, where he is district agriculturist for the B.C. Department of Agriculture. He, as a past editor of the Gateway, sends word of appreciation of the Trail.

E. L. Whittaker's brother was able to inform us that E. L. is still at Vermilion, and we wonder why we don't hear from him.

Islwyn Jones, '22, is spending the summer on a geological survey in southern Alberta.

Gretta Simpson, '24, is now on the staff of the Provincial Laboratory at the University.

Hilda Wilson, '24, is a pupil dietitian at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton.

Jimmie McMillan, Applied Science '24, is working with the Westinghouse Electrical Company in Calgary.

Irma Raver, '23, is a pupil dietitian at St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

Agnes McLeod, '24, and Annabel Raver, '24, have made application to the University Hospital to train as nurses in the B.Sc. course.

Hazel McIntyre, '24, is working at the Department of Education for the summer. In the fall she will be a pupil dietitian in the Vancouver General Hospital.

Geo. L. Wilson is very busy teaching high school at Lethbridge, so we understand why he had so little time to send any news.

Our most recent letter is from H. A. Kostash, whose address is Box 51, Hafford, Sask. Harry is principal of the school there.

Congratulations to Robert McQueen, '19, on his marriage and on his promotion to an assistant-professorship in political economy in Saskatchewan.

Victor B. Robinson, B.S.A. '21, has just obtained his M.Sc. from the Oregon State Agricultural College. A letter from the president of the college to Dean Howes speaks highly of Robinson's record.

Miss Sheila Marryat, '23, visited Edmonton for the performance of *Oedipus Rex*, and spent a hectic three days renewing university acquaintances before returning to her farm near Alix.

Sid Bainbridge, '21, was another one who breezed in like a breath of old times. He came to write post-graduate examinations. Sid is still preaching at Bashaw.

Bill Jacobson, B.S.A. '20, dropped into the editor's office some time ago. Since graduating "Jake" has been doing water-power investigation for the Reclamation Service of the Department of the Interior, Calgary. Others in the same work are Milton Brown, B.Sc. '13, James K. Jaffray, B.Sc. '16, and W. S. McDonald, B.Sc. '15. Jacobson and McDonald were running across each other for two years in the same office and neither knew the other was a U. of A. graduate until they attended the first meeting of the Calgary local of the Alumni Association!

Early in the spring Fred Whitman, '23, spent a short time in Edmonton undergoing an operation, but he returned to Luscar in time for the miners' strike.

Reuben Sandin, '16, received his Ph.D. at Chicago last Christmas, and is now back at our own department of chemistry.

Neil Stewart, B.A. '23, is with the C.N.R. engineers at Saunders Creek on the Brazeau line. He expects to go to McGill in the fall to continue his course in architecture.

News of Ag. '24.—Bill Anderson is weed inspecting in the southern part of the province. Jack McAllister is on the farm at Mundare. Don McCannel is doing agricultural reporting for the Edmonton Journal. Charlie Yauch is working in the Department of Soils, Gordon Malloch in the Department of Plant Biochemistry, and Wilf. Backman in the Department of Field Husbandry.

Snow comes rarely in Texas. Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, '11, has kindly given us the following extract from a letter sent on February 25 by her husband, Dr. E. T. Mitchell, '12, who is a professor in the University of Texas:

"Today is a great day for Texas. A heavy wet snow began falling this morning, and soon there was about three inches of slushy snow. Students went wild, bombarded class rooms, pelted professors, broke windows and riddled autos and street cars. The call of "prof" or "car" brought down a well directed barrage of snowballs on the unhappy individual. In vain the poor prof, loaded with books, shook his umbrella at them, called them hoodlums or cowards, and challenged them to single combat. He had to beat an undignified and angry retreat through a hail of snowballs. The automobiles with side curtains closed fared even worse. Volleys of hard-packed, wet snowballs riddled the curtains to shreds, and the car was lucky if it escaped with top intact. A street car escaped with every window smashed. Classes in "the shacks" were interrupted by volleys of snowballs through the windows. In the main building a history professor saw a crowd coming down the hall to raid his room. "Boys," he said, "you know how the men of the Middle Ages defended their castles." So they barricaded their doors with forms and tables and fought them off till the invaders retired. I had no adventures. My classes came early before the raids began. When they began we discreetly locked the office doors. At noon I waited a few minutes till the campus cleared. Then I had to run the gauntlet of only four or five, and I laughingly backed away, dodging a few scattered shots. A snowstorm is an event here. They have one on an average of about once in five years. When it does come the students go wild, and the discreet professor stays at home."

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Marriages, Births and Deaths

MARRIAGES

McQueen—Holdsworth—On Monday, May 5, 1924, at Edmonton, Monica Lisle, youngest daughter of the Reverend W. W. Holdsworth of Crowborough, Sussex, England, to Robert McQueen, B.A. '19, M.A. '20, assistant-professor of economics in the University of Saskatchewan.

Nelson—McLaughlin—Constance Elain McLaughlin, B.A. '21, to Robert Wilson Nelson, on Tuesday, April 22, 1924, at Spruce Grove, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have made their home at Ribstone, Alberta.

Becker—Oliver—At Edmonton, on June 16, 1924, Lucy, daughter of the Honourable and Mrs. Frank Oliver, to Charles Becker, B.A. '20, LL.B. '22.

Stanton—McArthur—At Edmonton, on June 30, 1924, Mary Ann Beryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McArthur, to Hugh Ellsworth Stanton, B.A. '19, LL.B. '21.

Strickland—Fairfield—At Lethbridge, on May 31, 1924, Alice Fairfield, B.Sc. '24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fairfield, to Edgar Harold Strickland, professor of entomology in the University of Alberta.

Coursier—Duclos—At Edmonton, on July 5, 1924, Geraldine Florence Duclos, B.A. '23, daughter of the Reverend J. E. and Mrs. Duclos, to Dr. Heber Leon Coursier, of Revelstoke, B.C. Dr. and Mrs. Coursier will make their home at Wainwright, Alberta.

BIRTHS

Graham—To Dr. and Mrs. N. F. W. Graham, '15, a son, Donald Tuttle, at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on February 10, 1924.

Fish—To Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Fish, a son, at Taber, Alberta, on May 6, 1924.

DEATH

Hipkin—At Victoria, B.C., on June 30, 1923, the Reverend George A. Hipkin, B.A. '15, in his thirty-seventh year.



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"EVERY GRADUATE A CONTRIBUTOR OF THE MEMORIAL FUND"

This is the slogan that our Honorary President has given us. Some have done their share; many have delayed, but we can delay no longer. The time has come for action. This winter should see the Memorial well on the way to establishment—or why not an accomplished fact? Can we do it? Those whom we commemorate did far more. Send your cheques without delay to the *University of Alberta Memorial Fund*, in care of the Treasurer of the Alumni Association. *Every graduate a contributor.*

The following from an article by J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., in the *Canadian Forum*, should help us to see ourselves as others see us:

"Within the universities the students affect the 'open mind,' but in practice this means a spongy mind. Few graduates have real convictions on matters of public policy or are fired with ambition to make a definite contribution toward the national welfare. In our state or privately-endowed universities, academic freedom, when shown, is often of a rather imported character, reflected or exotic in type. It is not born of the soil and does not spread rapidly."

In consequence of Miss Margaret Archibald's departure for Toronto to take up a fellowship in French, Miss Helen Beny has been appointed to succeed her as secretary of the Alumni Association.

Do not fail to read how the rugby team was entertained by the Calgary Alumni. The action of our comrades in Calgary is just what we should expect of them, and shows the genuineness of their university spirit—all together for the U. of A.!

Meetings of the Alumni Association

The first general meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Alberta for the year 1924-25 was held in the "Hudsonia" on Saturday, October 25th, at 1:15 p.m.

There were present: Vice-President Jackson, in the chair; Honorary President Dr. Sheldon, Mrs. Sheldon, and about thirty members of the Association.

The minutes of the last general meeting in May were read and approved.

Dr. Sheldon thanked the members of the Alumni Association for electing him their Honorary President. He then gave an interesting ten-minute talk on the "Ideal Alumni Association." "An Ideal institution is really referred back to the individual graduate," said Dr. Sheldon.

"It is ideal if the individual members of it are ideal." At this point Dr. Sheldon suggested that at some future time : "dutch-treat" luncheon be arranged for the members of the University staff and the members of the Alumni for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with each other.

The question of the War Memorial was also raised by our Honorary President. In this connection he suggested our slogan be, "Every Graduate a contributor to the War Memorial." The War Memorial should be a very definite object for which to work this year, and such a memorial would be a very definite contribution to our University life.

Mr. Jackson, on behalf of the members of the Association present, gave a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Sheldon for his valuable suggestions.

The Chairman explained that the additional charge of fifteen cents each for the luncheon was to defray the advertising

expenses. He then called for an expression of opinion regarding the War Memorial. Mr. Craig explained that the reason there is no Memorial today is the apathy and lack of interest in the subject on the part of the average Alumnus. Mr. Jones asserted that if this matter were delayed much longer the apathy would be increased, and that nothing should be left undone to advance the memorial this winter. It was then moved by Mr. Rehwinkel and seconded by Mr. Jones, that this matter be referred back to the Executive for action.

Mr. Rehwinkel moved that the Executive act on Dr. Sheldon's suggestion of the joint luncheon for staff and members of the Alumni Association. The suggestion was heartily endorsed.

It was left with Mr. Leaver and Mr. Young to arrange for an Editorial Committee to be henceforth jointly responsible for conducting the *Trail*.

The meeting adjourned at about 2:30.

SECOND MEETING

The second meeting of the Association, held on November 22, was called specially to push forward plans for the University War Memorial.

The president, Mr. Laycock, reported that the General Memorial Committee, consisting of representatives from the Senate, the Board of Governors, the Faculty, the Alumni and the Students' Union, had met recently at the request of the Alumni executive, and had decided to prosecute an active campaign with the Alumni Association acting as finance committee. The General Committee had also discussed what form the memorial should take, and favoured a pipe organ for Convocation Hall. Formal decision was postponed, however, till the meeting of the committee to be held at the end of November.

President Laycock also reported laying the matter before the Calgary Alumni on November 14, and receiving their cordial support. The Calgary Alumni will make

their own plans for raising money, and from all reports they are active.

The meeting then evolved into a round-table discussion of the memorial from all angles. It approved unanimously of a pipe-organ, but made it clear that it will loyally support any scheme which the General Memorial Committee decides on, for that committee represents all parts of the University. The spirit of the meeting was admirable. The cause was felt to be a noble one, and to demand nothing less than great sacrifice of time, money and energy from every alumnus. If this spirit seizes every graduate and every other member of the University, there will be little difficulty in raising the several thousand dollars required.

On the motion of Mr. Roy Jackson and Mrs. Morrison, the executive was directed to choose a large committee to advance the Memorial Fund as vigorously as possible.

The Advisory Council of the Alumni Association met almost immediately and proceeded with the organization of this special finance committee.

Notes From Calgary

WHERE THE ALUMNI ARE VERY MUCH ALIVE.

Calgary.—The local University of Alberta Alumni started their 1924-1925 season with a dance at the Isis Palace in honor of the University of Alberta rugby team and their victorious opponents in the final of the Alberta rugby championship, the Calgary Fiftieth. Perhaps, to be really accurate, we should say that the activities started about a week earlier under the direction of the local executive, Charlie Reilly '20, Miss Kitty Williams '22, and James R. Davidson '21.

Cheer practices were held under the direction of Jim MacMillan, '24, when the Calgary grads once more learned the old yells and songs which were to encourage the gold and green to victory over the Calgary team.

At the game, although the bitterly cold weather frightened away a number of the spectators, the grads made a brave showing with colours and yells. Although the students did not win, it was a great game.

At the dance in the evening, which was held under the direction of the executive and Ross Douglas '24, and E. C. Snider '20, there was an attendance of about 175 students and friends of the rugby team. The success of the dance was largely due to the efforts of Mr. Douglas, the energetic master of ceremonies. During the festive event the Belangier trophy was presented to Captain Gordon McTeer by Dr. Mason, vice-president of the Alberta Rugby Union.

F. E. Osborne, member of the board of governors, and an honorary official of the Calgary grads, was in prominence assisting the grads in taking care of the student team at the Varsity-Calgary game.

The students were anxious to win if only to help defeat their old team-mates, "Chief" Davis and Dunc. McNeill.

The next official function of the Calgary Association will be the annual Christmas dance when all the grads and present students meet.

If it were not for Coach Jimmy Bill, the old timers would not have known anybody on the Varsity team.

Harry Nolan, one of the old timers, found that the current songs and yells of the old Varsity had not changed very much.

Mac Millard, '24, breezed up to see the contest from Macleod, where he is in a law office.

Fred Reilly, of Big Valley, and Mr. Grant, of Nanton, were two of the old-timers who made merry with the Calgarians at the big football dance.

"Chesty" Harper went to the Calgary rugby game to see if the game had changed very much. He has a six-year-old boy, who will probably captain the Varsity team in about 1938.

Miss Sadie Treacy gave efficient aid to the cheer practices of the Calgary grads when they prepared for the big game.



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A Student in Paris

BY MARGARET HAZLEWOOD GOLD.

(Miss Gold graduated from the University of Alberta in '18, and became an M.A. in '24. In between, she spent some time studying in Paris. We may some day induce Miss Gold to describe for us the sensation of leaning over the top of Mt. Robson—there was no standing room—a feat which she performed last summer.—Ed.)

For many hundreds of years two or three European centres have been lode-stones for aspiring students, who because of the great intellectual advantages of these institutions, or by reason of the very romance of their growth, have felt drawn to them. And Paris is not of the least of these. From the time of Robert le Sorbon, who persuaded the good Saint Louis to provide a college for religious instruction, to the present day, when the Sorbonne with its numerous faculties has a student body of more than twelve thousand, the power of this great University to attract students from far and near has increased.

So that now, for one who cannot remain for the two, three or four years necessary for serious study in any department, a shorter period may be profitable, nay, rich in the acquaintance and friendship of fellow students from many foreign lands. For so we found it, we who discovered a common bond of interest, in the student quarter of Paris just a year ago.

From the moment you begin the gentle ascent of the little street, called the *Rue de la Sorbonne*, which skirts the huge grey stone mass of the University itself (a modern building fortunately and unfortunately); you become conscious of an atmosphere less foreign and unfamiliar than the *Avenue de l'Opera* and the *Rue de Rivoli* which brought you here. For the opposite side of the street is lined with musty, dim-windowed book shops; quietness and the scarcely worn cobblestones bespeak little traffic, while the plain structure of the University is thoughtful though not old. Your feet are on familiar though new ground—you are more at home than for many a day of feverish sight-seeing, and you are glad and feel that you in a measure belong.

The central court, to which a small gate and arched passage give entrance from this side, is busy all day and any day with students in animated groups or in twos and threes—providing it is not raining, for then they are reduced to the columned arcade which forms one end of the court. Here there are splendid glassed mural paintings on one side; on the other the court showing purple-grey between wide set columns; and here many a shy student has, while walking back and forth, ventured to speak to his neighbor of the previous lecture and has added mayhap one more to the store of friends which he is unconsciously making. Because this massive building has so much to offer by way of architectural and artistic interest, even beauty in some of its frescoes, anyone to whom an English University was unknown might not notice that not a blade of grass or a flower is anywhere to be seen to offset the stern lines of grey stone.

From this court in various directions is access given to every part of the University, which is in most respects very modern and carefully arranged. The halls are high, light and wide and the lecture rooms commodious. The latter are sometimes circular in form, with their seats arranged in tiers one above the other in a series of concentric circles. One is obliged to resort to a primitive use of knee plus hat to serve as note-book support, but this is not a serious deterrent when professors are eloquent and students interested. Far more serious is the fact that lecture-room windows have not, I verily believe, been opened since they were first set in place, and the soporific powers of a late afternoon atmosphere are unbelievable!

The Sorbonne does not provide for all the faculties under its own roof, but the

Ecole de Medicine, Ecole de Droit and the engineering school of the *Polytechnique* in the near vicinity, is each a busy centre of activity in its particular faculty.

Nothing can quite equal for bustle and hurry and excitement the *Boulevard St. Michel* on a winter's evening, when, immediately after six o'clock, many hundreds of lively students are released from a day of lectures and labs in the vicinity. Arm-in-arm in groups which stretch across the extremely wide *trottoir* of the boulevard—progress in the opposite direction is well-nigh an impossibility. It would be interesting to fall in with the irresistible current and find out where individual students are going now, and later on discover where they live.

For student residences and dormitories are unknown, and for the great majority, whose homes are not in Paris, a *pension* (corresponding to the English boarding-house) must be sought, with all the blessings or otherwise which a landlady may involve. Some whose means are very limited, and there are many such, take a cheap little room high up under the gables and procure their meals at one of the innumerable cheap student restaurants of the *Quartier Latin*. And I think a Canadian student would be struck by the quiet orderliness of Julien's or Charlier's during the busy noon hour.

French students are for the most part excellent and serious workers, and I feel sure this can be explained by the fact that university training has in France no particular stamp of social approval, so that the universities are not burdened with social aspirants receiving their "finishing," but are filled with those who feel a definite urge and ambition toward that training. Nor are these necessarily confirmed book-worms with no interest in the normal joys of youth, but are most

natural and gay between study hours; and on the rare occasions when the students meet in any numbers (for there are no student organizations as we know them) for a demonstration or monster parade, the combined noise may be half as great as an equal number of Canadian students would produce!

The glamour of study in Paris is rose-tinted and delightfully attractive with all the mystery of the unknown before one has been there. With the hard facts of living, of preparing difficult work for exacting professors, of trying to make a foreign tongue do for you what your own does so easily, of the very uncertainty of a foreign atmosphere, the glamour is whisked away with startling speed. Nor does it ever return!

For several months, during which you are busy adapting yourself and learning the happy lesson of fitting conditions rather than making them fit you, life may seem difficult, drab, unsympathetic and cold. But that phase passes too, and as gradually you form a niche of your own, and as one by one bonds are formed and responsibilities assumed, this great unknown turns a more familiar face. You become less ready to generalize from detached details (an ever-present danger when in a foreign country), and because one Frenchman may unceremoniously push you from the first step of the omnibus, you remember that he is an exception and do not denounce them all in one breath. And as the face of Paris becomes more and more familiar (who dares say he really knows it?) so does it by every bond of affection draw you to it; and instead of through a rose-tinted glass, you see it through the eyes of love and understanding. The glamour is gone, but a more permanent and enduring bond based on knowledge has taken its place.

Oxford-Alberta Debate

A crowd of two thousand people that filled the new Empire theatre, stage and all, and thousands of others listening by radio heard the debate between the universities of Oxford and Alberta on November 21. It was undoubtedly the best debate in the history of our university, and the fact that the audience listened for two hours and a half without restlessness testifies to the quality of the speaking.

Alberta took the affirmative of the resolution: "That the external affairs of Canada should be conducted by His Imperial Majesty upon the advice of his Canadian ministers, and that obligations so incurred should be binding on and enforceable by Canada alone." George J. Bryan, B.A., was the leader, and he was given splendid support by Joseph O'Brien and James Mahaffy. The visiting team consisted of M. C. Hollis, leader; Malcolm MacDonald (son of the British ex-premier) and J. D. Woodruff.

The method of deciding the winner was a novel one for this country, but it has been the traditional method of the Oxford Union, where the purpose is not to satisfy selected judges, but to convince the audience. Ballots were circulated before the debate, and each person in the audience cast a vote for either the affirmative or negative of the question. After the debate he voted again. That side was victor which succeeded in swaying the greater number of votes. The count showed the following results: Before the debate the affirmative had 964, the negative 469. After the debate the affirmative had 832, the negative 459. It will be seen that both sides lost votes; but since the affirmative lost 132, and the negative only 10, the victory went to the Oxford team.

The debate showed the contrast admirably between the two methods of debating—the sledge-hammer style of Canada, on the one side, heavy with facts and arguments; and on the other, the swift rapier-thrusts of wit and satire more destructive than tons of arguments. Both

sides were excellent, but there was a marked difference between the Alberta men's careful and thorough marshalling of facts denoting long study, and the readier, more flexible manoeuvring of their opponents. The quickness of mind displayed by the Oxford debaters was something new, and kept the audience in delighted surprise. Nothing but good can come from this revelation of a style of speaking with which Canadians are all too little acquainted, and one looks for far-reaching effects in our University debating. When all is said and done, it was a contest that will long live in our memory.

From Edmonton the Oxford men went to Calgary to debate Calgary representatives of the U. of A. At the time of going to press, reports of this event are not at hand. The Oxford team proceeds from Canada to New Zealand on a tour round the world.

FRENCH BURSARY STUDENTS

Dean Kerr has had a letter from Arthur R. Morgan, B.A., Alberta, 1922, written from the University of Grenoble, France. Mr. Morgan was appointed a year ago to the first of the French Government Bursaries put at the disposition of the University of Alberta. He went to Europe in the Autumn of 1923, and has spent the year in study at the University of Paris and Grenoble. From the former he has secured the "*Diplome d'Etudes de Civilisation française*" and from the latter the "*Certificat d'Etudes françaises*." He states that he is well satisfied with his experiences, and only regrets that he cannot spend another year in France. He intends returning to Alberta for Christmas, and expects to resume his teaching at once.

Miss Ada A. Anderson, B.A. 1920, M.A. 1923, who was appointed to the same Bursary in September last, has arrived in Paris, and has begun her work at the Sorbonne.

THE INITIATION

It will be of more than passing interest to graduates to know that the entry of the class of '28 into the University coincided with some rather marked changes in the men's initiation.

For some years past there has been a growing opinion, both in and outside of the University, against certain of the features which usually accompanied the Sophomores' welcome to the Freshmen. Last year, for example, the street parade, an ancient rite of tender memory, was eliminated from the ceremony, and again this year, so that it may now be considered as altogether a relic, never to be revived. Also, while in certain cases individual instruction was given along the line of previous years, Initiation Day this year was free from the strenuous hazing which heretofore has characterized it.

The morning and afternoon were given over to the staging of the inter-faculty athletic meet, the usual events being rounded off with the Freshman live-pig rugby contest, and the Freshman-Sophomore flag-rush.

Previous to University Day, as Initiation Day is now called, being an official holiday, the second year men made a serious attempt to bring before the new students something of the organization and traditions of the University. A tour of the buildings was carried out, with special attention to the various researches now being conducted, and to the work of the Extension Department. Further, various practices for songs and yells were held, and the constitution of the Students' Union received some studious attention.

The initiation committee this year deserves commendation for the way in which they attempted to curb the excesses which enthusiasm and zeal have led to in the past. It is to be hoped, next year, that Class '28 will follow up the good work done, with a determination to secure just the happy proportion of instruction and frolic that an effective welcome to new students would seem to demand. Frolic was almost absent this year. Initiation cannot have too much of it if it be original and genuine fun.

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE
UNIVERSITY STAFF

The opening of the 1924-25 session saw several changes in the University staff. Former Inspector M. E. Lazerte, M.A., has been appointed lecturer in Philosophy to replace Asst.-Prof. McPhee, M.A., B.Educ., who has accepted a chair of Psychology in Toronto.

Professor Klevin, LL.B., B.C.L., has gone to Saskatchewan to lecture and also to practise law. Sigvald Neilson, B.A., LL.B., has been appointed Instructor in Law.

Mr. W. A. Drummond, M.A., is lecturing in the place of Asst.-Prof. McGouin, M.A., B.C.L., who has been granted leave of absence in order to take more advanced studies.

Miss Winnifred Hughes, M.A., has taken the place of Mr. Harkness, M.A., of the Department of Zoology, who has resigned.

Mr. A. J. Cook, B.Sc., A.M., has returned as Lecturer in Mathematics. Mrs. Mitchell, M.Sc., has gone to Austin, Texas.

Mr. F. M. Salter, M.A., of the Department of English, has gone to Chicago to complete the work leading to his doctor's degree. Mrs. C. L. Huskins and Mr. Jewett have been appointed sessional instructors in English.

Asst.-Prof. R. Sandin has returned to the Department of Chemistry after receiving his Ph.D. at Chicago.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

The University of Alberta Writers' Club offers a prize of fifteen dollars for the best short story in which is depicted life at the U. of A. The competition is open to all undergraduates and alumni. Mr. Rache Dickson, secretary of the club, will receive the stories up to March 1, 1925. No limits of lengths are placed. The one essential is that in some way the University shall be a necessary part of the story.



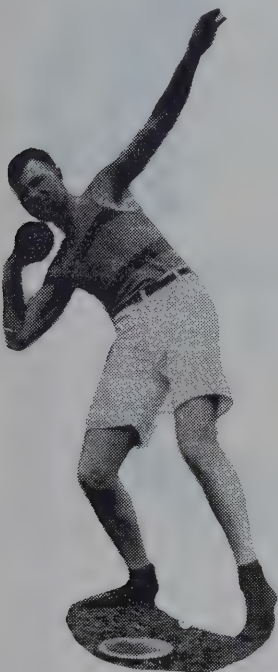
At the Western
Universities Track
Meet.

Athletics At Varsity

INTER-COLLEGIATE TRACK MEET

The fifth annual track meet of the western universities was held in the South Side Athletic Park on October 18. There has not been such a galaxy of athletes performing here since the fall of '21, when the second annual track meet was held.

Manitoba once more won the Cairns cup, with Alberta taking second place, Saskatchewan third and British Columbia fourth.



Aubrey Bright, Individual Champion at the Western Universities Track Meet

Full evidence of the success of the meet can be seen in the fact that out of sixteen events nine new records were established. The excellence of the track and the perfect weather that day made everything favorable for the smashing of old records, and the athletes certainly availed themselves of the opportunity.

To "Aubs" Bright, our weight man, goes the glory of winning the individual championship. In doing so, Bright set up a new record for the sixteen-pound shot and also bettered his record of last year in the discus. Cohen of Manitoba set up two new records, doing the 100 yards and the 220 yards in times which compare very favorably with those made in Eastern universities for these distances. Considerable improvement was noticed in the pole vaulting this year, all five contestants clearing the bar to break last year's record. Hutchison, of Saskatchewan, finally won this event with a jump around eleven feet. Another athlete who made a fine showing was Russell, of Alberta. His jumps, in the running broad and running high, got him first place in both these events.

A feature of the meet was the excellent showing made by the new member, the University of British Columbia. With only six men to compete with, our old friend, Jack Buchanan, proved more than able to hold his own against the larger teams. This is only the second time that British Columbia has entered a team in the W.C.I.A.U. track meets, but they are proving to be a dangerous contender for the Cairns cup.

INTER-FACULTY TRACK MEET

The first attempt at combining the inter-faculty track meet and the Sophomores' informal reception to Freshies was made this fall. The full turn-out of Freshmen under the watchful eyes of the "Sophs" made the meet very successful from a financial point of view.

The Arts faculty were successful in winning first place, but Commerce and Science made the race for first place more than interesting by following very closely behind. Law, with their lone representative, beat out Medicine for fourth place. The individual championship went to Cliff Osterland, who easily outdistanced all competitors in amassing points.

Considering the short period which the contestants had to train and the difficulty in getting students to try out for the

teams, a very creditable showing was made. Next year will probably see many added features to this combined initiation and field day.

RUGBY

With the loss of such players as Jack McAllister, whose prowess as quarter-back will long remain in our memories. Dunc McNeill and Sam Savage, a pair of half-backs whose punting and running was always a treat to watch, "Chief" Davis, outside wing par excellence, Leonard Wrinch and Archie McCauley, who have proved their worth to the Varsity senior team for the past three years, Coach Jimmie Bill would seem to have an insuperable task to coach a team fit to uphold the name of the University in the provincial league. Yet this has been done. With Henderson, McLaren, Bissett, Selnes, Thompson, Backman, Agnew, Laverty, Mitchell, Stewart and Lesrud of last year's team, together with a few new recruits, a rugby team has been turned out that is a credit to our institution.

True it is that Varsity lost both the games to Calgary, but in neither of the games was Calgary very superior to Varsity; in fact, as far as line plunging is concerned Varsity excelled. Calgary may attribute her wins to the experience of four games which they had already played before Varsity had played one game.

INTER-FACULTY RUGBY

Plans have been drawn up for an inter-faculty rugby tournament, but on account of the scarcity of uniforms it has been very difficult to get the tournament under way. The Meds and Arts teams managed to beg, steal and borrow enough uniforms to equip their men, and some fair rugby was witnessed when these two aggregations tangled on October twenty-fourth. By some good work on the half line the Meds emerged victors by a handy margin. With the advent of wintry weather the prospects of finishing the tournament do not seem very bright.

TENNIS.

The first inter-collegiate tennis tournament was attempted this fall. The University of Saskathewacn sent up four

players who were successful in carrying away the honors from Alberta. This form of inter-collegiate sport proved very interesting to the many tennis enthusiasts of the University, and next year should see even further developments along these lines.

The regular tennis tournament brought out a large number of entrants, but the heavy snowfall cut the tournament short.



Fred Russell, Champion High Jumper

BASKETBALL.

With the loss of Hugh Teskey, defense man de luxe, George Parney, who for five years has held Varsity crowds spellbound by his shooting, and Jack McAllister, Varsity's all-around athlete, Manager O'Brien is going to have his hands full to get together a team that will come up to the standard set by previous teams. Since the basketball season has not started yet, the new material is an unknown quantity; but of last year's senior squad, Butchart, McLaren, Husband, Galbraith and Stoner are back, and these men, together with the new material, should furnish some good games for the basketball fans.

HOCKEY.

Like every other club, hockey has been hard hit by the absence of many of last year's first string men. Ken Duggan, captain of last year's team, has graduated, Bill Powers, who starred on the senior team last winter, had the misfortune to get his leg severely fractured during the summer, Sam Savage is not back, nor is Leisemer or Coupeze. This leaves MacDonald, Lawton and Williams to start with as a nucleus for a senior team. Undaunted by his losses, President McMillan, of the hockey club, has laid plans to enter a team in the city league, and possibly play one or two games with one of the western universities.

Inter-faculty hockey has received a very rude jolt by the decision of the University authorities not to operate the rink this year unless 400 season tickets are sold before November 20. If the required number of tickets is not sold, the chances

for a rink this year look decidedly slim, and if so one of our most popular winter sports is going to suffer considerably.

OTHER SPORTS.

The University of Saskatchewan's soccer team was supposed to have played here on November the first, but the heavy snowfall made it necessary to postpone the game to some future date.

A swimming tournament was held this fall in the Y.M.C.A. The meet was contested for by the different years, the Sophomores taking first place, with the Juniors second and the Seniors third. Every event was keenly contested.

The Boxing and Wrestling clubs have not commenced their activities yet, but the programme calls for several tournaments in the Varsity gym as well as entries in the provincial tournament. Plans are also being discussed for the construction of a regular boxing ring in the gym.

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Theses At The University

In the last *Trail* we printed a long list of papers written by members of the University staff. The interest it aroused encouraged us to search further (not that much searching is required) for signs of intellectual productivity at the U. of A., and through the kindness of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences we are able to publish the following list of theses accepted for post-graduate degrees. They are now kept in the University Library.

THESES.

1912—

1. Dyde, W. F.—A Study of the Psychology and Dramatic Reasonableness of the Alcestis of Euripides.

1913—

1. Mitchell, E. T.—Bergson's theory of Memory.

1915—

1. Adam, J.—Psychology of Impressionism.

2. Quance, F. M.—The Present Situation in Elementary Education.

3. Sheppard, R. S.—The Radial Velocity of Stars.

4. Telfer, D. H.—The Role of the Child in English Drama up to the Time of Shakespeare.

1916—

1. MacVicar—The Origin, Composition and Occurrences of Coal in Alberta.

1918—

1. Berry, W.—Royce's Philosophy of the Absolute.

1919—

1. Seyer, W. F. — Chemical Investigation of the Bitumen in the Bituminous Sands of Alberta.

1920—

1. Sykes, W. — Prolegomena to the Study of the Life of Christ.

2. Tuttle, G.—The effect of low temperature on Plants.

1921—

1. Hollies, R. T.—Preliminary Investigation of Weathering of Alberta Coals.

2. Lewis, J. W.—Further Investigations of some of the Properties of Alberta Coals.

3. Morecombe, P. G.—A History of the Text of the New Testament.

1922—

1. Bainbridge, S.—The Historical and Permanent Elements in Religion.

2. Laycock, S. R.—Critical Review of Schweitzer's "The Quest of the Historical Jesus."

3. Lehmann, F.—Ultra-sonic Oscillations. 2 parts.

4. Lewis, J. W.—Further Investigation of Some of the Properties of Alberta Coals.

5. Webb, H.—An Investigation to determine the Concrete-making properties of certain aggregates in local use at Edmonton.

1923—

1. Atkinson, N. H.—Investigation on Carbonization and Briquetting of Alberta Coals.

2. Diller, D. — The Early Economic Development of Alberta.

3. Hanna, W. F.—The Growth of Corn and Sunflowers in Relation to Climatic Conditions.

4. Morgan, S. C.—Electrical Oscillations.

5. Ogston, A. W.—The Search for a Norm in Theology.

6. Sanderson, J. O. G.—Criteria for determination of the Upper Cretaceous Sandstones occurring in Alberta.

7. Shaver, A.—A Comparative Study of the Autobiography in Smollett's *Roderick Random* and *Peregrine Pickle* and Dicken's *David Copperfield* and *Oliver Twist*.

1924—

1. Blair, S. M.—An Examination of the McMurray Bituminous Sands.

2. Dowding, S.—The Distribution of Potassium in Plant Tissues.

3. Hedley, R. W.—Rhythm as Related to Art, Literature and Music.

4. MacDonald, W. D. — Canadian Shorthorn Sires.

5. Reid, C. D.—The Ultra-sonic beam.

6. Scroggie, A. G.—An Investigation of the Chemical and Physical Properties of Ash of Representative Alberta Coal.

7. Sheppard, R. S.—Sex Differences.

8. Sonet, E.—Voltaire et L'Influence

Anglaise.

9. Taylor, J. G.—A Study of Superior School Children.

10. Yatchew, J.—Ukranian Literature.

11. MacLeod, W. J.—A Behaviourist's Interpretation of the Reasoning Process.

12. Dr. Collip—Researches in the History and Discovery of Insulin.

SOME OF THE VISITING SCIENTISTS



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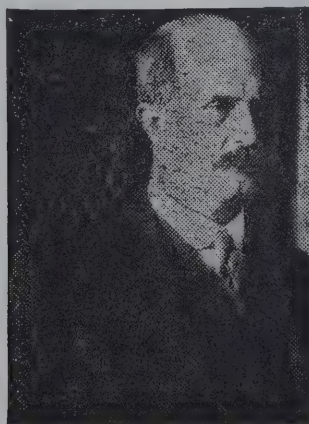
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The British Association in Canada

The annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 1924 (being the 94th year of the Association) was held at Toronto from August 6th to August 13th.

The Association has met in different parts of the British Empire in turn; in Australia, in South Africa, in the British Isles, and in Canada, with the object of

giving a stronger impulse and more systematic direction to scientific inquiry. At the last meeting there was held concurrently a meeting of the International Mathematical Congress, many of the leading European mathematicians being present.

These societies attracted the attention of the citizens of Toronto and Ontario to

a marked degree. The Canadian newspapers and journals reported the papers and discussions to an extent never before equalled in the history of the Association, being ample evidence of the manner in which science has seized the popular imagination.



Sir David Bruce, President of the British Association

The inaugural meeting and presidential address held in Convocation Hall was given by Sir David Bruce, who spoke on "The Prevention of Disease."

The following is a list of the popular lectures:

Voice Production—Sir Richard Paget.

On Cod Liver Oil—Prof. J. C. Drummond.

Sense of Humor in Children—Dr. C. W. Kimmins.

Human Heredity and National Outlook—Prof. W. McDougall.

The Forces that Lift Aeroplanes—Prof. V. Bjorkness.

The Vegetation of the Canadian Rockies—Prof. F. J. Lewis.

Atomic Disintegration — Sir Ernest Rutherford.

Work in the Himalayas—Prof. J. W. Gregory.

Citizens' lectures were also given on Einstein's Theory of Relativity by Prof. A. S. Eddington, and on Explosives

(with experiments) by Sir R. Robertson, and many other subjects.

It is impossible in the short space of this article to give any account of the hundreds of highly technical papers given in the thirteen sections of the Association, nor was it possible for members to do more than keep track of the papers in their own section. The University of Alberta was represented in the Botanical section by four communications out of a total of twenty-three.

Many entertainments were arranged for the visitors during their stay in Toronto. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Cockshutt entertained them at a garden party in the grounds of Government House. A *Conversazione* was held in their honour at Hart House. The Senate and Board of Governors of the University held a garden party for them in the grounds of the University. This, in spite of frequent thunderstorms, was followed by a cricket match on the front lawn. Many excursions were arranged for the different sections, to mines and industrial plants, and to Timagami Lake and Niagara Falls.

Following these meetings the members made a tour through Canada to the Pacific Coast. En route to Vancouver a sectional meeting was held at Edmonton, when papers were read by members of the geological, physical, botanical and agricultural sections.

The City entertained the Association to luncheon at the Macdonald Hotel, after which motor drives were arranged to show the visitors the surroundings of Edmonton. This was followed by a supper served by the University in Athabasca Hall. The evening was spent in the inspection of the building and laboratories of the institution, and the members caught the night train for Jasper.

Many of Section K. Botany, instead of taking the train through to the coast, motored through the Rockies to Windermere. The motor party was arranged by Dr. Lewis; and Dr. Tory, Dr. Lehmann, Dr. Revell, and Mr. Ramsay kindly lent their cars. Many excursions were arranged on the way, giving ample opportunity for botanizing. After spending five days in the open, Section K rejoined the train at Banff, bound for Montreal.

DEEP WATER EXPERIMENTS.

A series of important and interesting experiments was carried out this summer under the direction of Professor R. W. Boyle, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science. Professor Boyle continued some of his former work carried out during the war in England and France, by undertaking new experiments on the problem of deep water sounding, and on the peculiarly Canadian problem of ice-berg detection. The work was carried out on board a Dominion Government steamer, the S.S. Montcalm, the scene of operations being off the coasts of Cape Breton, Newfoundland, Anticosti, Labrador and in the Straits of Belle Isle.

In the ice problem it turns out that the bergs can be detected for short distances in deep water (a hundred fathoms and over), up to a maximum range of about three-quarters of a mile with the largest and most powerful instruments so far constructed. If, in the future, there should be a development leading to increased power of transmission or additional sensitivity of reception, this range of ice detection will be increased in due proportion. But even for such short ranges, this new method is the only one known, short of actual seeing, whereby ice-bergs can be detected at all.

The experiments in deep water sounding showed that, generally speaking, sounding can be easily accomplished and depths measured for all depths greater than about one hundred fathoms. The speed of the ship makes no difference, and this method has an advantage over other new sounding devices now being investigated in that only one detecting instrument is required instead of two, namely, a transmitter and a separate receiver.

A further possible use of the apparatus was suggested at times during the summer, when the ship had to make a rocky headland or to enter a harbor mouth or channel in a fog. It would be possible with this apparatus to project for five or six miles from a shore station an underwater beacon, which a ship suitably equipped with reception apparatus could

pick up and by which it could be guided past the point of uncertainty or danger.

Professor Boyle was assisted by Charles D. Reid, M.Sc., formerly a student at Alberta, and now a post-graduate student in Physics at Harvard University.

THE NEW RHODES SCHOLAR

Edward N. Gowan, more popularly known as Ted, has been chosen as Alberta's Rhodes Scholar for 1925. Mr. Gowan graduated in Arts in '23, and is now taking his last year in Applied Science. He will take up residence at Oxford in 1925, where he will specialize in Engineering Physics.

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THE FIRST SOCIAL FUNCTION of the season was the Arts Club hike to White Mud Creek. Some hundred and fifty Arts students sang lustily around the huge bonfire, and did away with fifty yards of hot-dogs.

THIRTEEN SENIOR STUDENTS in Animal Husbandry made a six-hundred-mile tour of the leading stock farms in the province just before the opening of the term. From these students a team of five has been selected to compete in stock judging at Toronto, Guelph, Chicago and other eastern fairs. They are now spending about a month in the East. Travelling expenses are being paid by the Macdonald Tobacco Company, which also offers the stock-judging cup.

SKOVGAARD, the Danish violinist, gave a recital in Convocation Hall under the auspices of the Lit on November 11. A gratifying feature in this connection was that in the first day and a half of the seat sale practically the whole house was sold out to the students.

IF YOU WERE to think of dropping in to the Tuck you might not find it, for it has been rebuilt in the form of a large bungalow, and presents a modern, spacious appearance. Still on the same spot, however.

AT REGISTRATION this year new students filled out questionnaires about their literary, musical and athletic interests. As a result of information gained thus, the *Gateway* has already given work to several aspiring editors.

It is refreshing to hear that Dr. Tory has recovered from his recent illness. Some of the Alumni will remember Dr. Riddell's description of life as "Jumping from one difficulty to another." If this be a correct interpretation then the President has had life more abundantly. That the University is what it is, is due to the fact that Dr. Tory has been able to prepare for and overcome the difficulties that must inevitably lie in the path of one upon whose shoulders is laid the burden of establishing a University upon a sure foundation.

HERBERT HEATON, M.A., M.Com., D.Litt., lecturer in Economics and director of Tutorial Classes in the University of Adelaide, Australia, will deliver a series of four lectures on current problems in Australia at the University of Alberta on December 8, 9, 10 and 11.

FLUNKERS OF DAYS GONE BY will be interested to know that 60 per cent. henceforth will be the pass mark on supps. This will no longer be averaged with term marks, but by his supp will the student stand or fall.

REGISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY this fall is larger than ever in almost all departments. Complete figures will be given later.

PROFESSOR D. A. MACGIBBON is the author of a new book, *An Introduction to Economics for Canadian Readers*, written, as its title indicates, with a Canadian background.

DERE AM GWINE TO BE GREAT DOIN'S.

After a most successful football dance, the Calgary Alumni Executive have made arrangements for their first annual Christmas-week dance, when the Plaza will be turned over to the grads, students and former students and their friends. The executive has selected Monday, December 29th, for the night of the big festivities.

It is probable that many of the grads in Southern Alberta will make an attempt to attend the Christmas dance. All of the Calgary students and former students will be invited. After the football dance, the Calgary grads found that they scarcely knew by name many of the later or earlier students, but by the end of the year the executive hope that the Calgarians will be welded into a unit with the object of good fellowship among the members and enthusiasm for the Gold and Green.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

The Philosophical Society presents the following programme for the present session:

MEMBERS' MEETINGS.

Oct. 15th—"Dairying in Alberta," C. P. Marker, LL.D.

Nov. 12th—"Chemistry and the 20th Century," O. J. Walker, M.A., Ph.D.

Jan. 14th—"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," W. Dixon Craig, Esq.

Feb. 11th—"Back to the King's Highway," K. A. Clarke, M.A., Ph.D.

March 11th—"The Rod in Education," S. R. Laycock, M.A., B.Ed.

April 8th—"Musical Drift," L. H. Nichols, B.A.

PUBLIC LECTURES.

Oct. 29th — "Present Tendencies in Medical Research," J. B. Collip, Ph.D., D.Sc.

Nov. 26th—"The Press and the Public," J. M. Imrie, Esq.

Dec. 10th—"Labour Policies in Australia," Herbert Heaton, D.Litt., University of Adelaide.

Jan. 28th—"Greece, Yesterday and Today," W. H. Alexander, M.A., Ph.D.

Feb. 25th—"David Thompson, Fur Trader and Explorer," N. C. Pitcher, B.Sc.

March 25th—"The Modern Hospital," R. T. Washburn, M.D.

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W. M. Fife, '13, seems to be the only Science man of Class '13 to keep in touch with the Treasurer. A short note from him conveys the news that he is busy; and also that he sees Prof. A. E. Cameron, Dept. of Mining Engineering, fairly frequently. Prof. Cameron is at Boston Tech. for a year's p.g. work.

Cecil Tapp, '19, of the Dominion Seed Branch, Calgary, was in to see us one day. His visit was short but to the point.

F. W. Gray, '21, has been heard from again after a silence of nearly two years. He is with Wilcox and Gibbs, San Francisco, a concern which manufactures sewing machines. "Jock" is assistant sales manager.

Keith Tester, '24, paid a visit to Varsity during October to renew his friendships before making a visit to England. He expects to go to the University of California, Berkeley, after Christmas to study Soil Physics.

Miss Agnes McFarlane is teaching in the high school in Kamsack, Saskatchewan.

Bev. Mair, B.Sc. '23, has a demonstratorship in chemistry at Harvard, and is also continuing his studies. He and Charles D. Reid, M.Sc. '24, are living together at 22 Trowbridge Street, Cambridge, Mass. Charlie

is continuing his work in electro-physics towards a Doctor's degree.

Bert Lang, B.Sc. '23, who has been an assistant chemist in the laboratory of the Provincial Analyst for the past summer, and also at the Marlborough Cement Works, has returned to Edmonton. Bert hopes to do further post-grad. work here next year.

James Brown, George Bryan, Alf. Bramley-Moore, Bert Rudd, all of Arts '23, are back at Varsity completing their courses in Law.

H. R. Webb, '21, spent the past summer in and around Pittsburgh. He worked for the American Bridge Co. in Ambridge, Pa., for three months, and during that time spent the week-ends with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryden, in Pittsburgh. He spent September visiting relatives in Ontario, and arrived back at Varsity just in time for the beginning of lectures.

Jim Nicoll, '22 and '24, is with the C.P.R. in Calgary. He came up early in October on Company business, and spent about three weeks in Wetaskiwin and a week in Edmonton.

J. A. McDonald, '24, and Homer Lebourveau, '24, are both in Lethbridge just now. J. A. is on highway work with the Department of Public Works, and Homer is with Westinghouse Electric, installing some three-phase equipment in the power plant there: J. A. claims Homer is too lazy to write. We wonder—how about it, Homer?

The Treasurer is very glad to hear from those who passed through the University soon after it got well under way. With the letter from McDonald and Lebourveau of class '24, came one from J. Archer, '15. Mr. Archer is still carrying on his practice as Barrister at Lake Saskatoon and Beaverlodge, Alberta.

Reg. Barnecut, '22, has at last been traced to earth through the help of S. K. Jaffary, '21, who visited him this summer. "Barney" is detailing for Worden-Allen Co., a large firm doing general engineering work. His address is 2003 Grand Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He says he is coming west for a visit in a few months. What's coming off, Barney?

To Miss Bertha Lawrence, '21, far away in England we send thanks for the fees which she sends through a friend. Her address remains the same as last published.

Hugh John MacDonald, B.A. '21, is teaching in Banff again this year. His interest in athletics seems as strong as ever, as he made a trip back to the Alma Mater to see the inter-varsity track meet. Ted Davis is also in Banff, but doesn't write very often.

The following extract from a letter to the Treasurer should prove of interest, especially to Class '22: "Norman M. Plummer, LL.B. '22, has relinquished the practice of law, and on June 15th, 1924, was ordained by the Rt. Rev. W. C. Pinkham, D.D., Bishop of Calgary. He is now in charge of the Parishes of Okotoks, Millarville and Priddis and the

surrounding country, in all about five hundred square miles. On July 15, 1924, he married the only daughter of the Rev. J. C. Scudamore, of Ditchingham, Norfolk, England."

Clarence Manning is working with the Manning Lumber Company, Calgary. He paid us a visit at the time of the inter-faculty track meet.

Midnight in August, on the Goose Lake line.—The editor met Jimmie McMillan, B.Sc. '24. Jimmie is working with the Westinghouse Electric at Calgary. On this trip he got off at Youngstown to do some work, and seemed to be bearing up well under his responsibilities.

A very interesting letter was received a few days ago from the Rev. Jos. W. Bainbridge, B.A. '21, M.A. '22. Joe is now Pastor of the Union Church in Provost, Alberta. He wishes all his old friends to note his new address, and use it beside a new three-cent stamp on an envelope. Having denied himself many luxuries in order to be among the elite for the year 1924-25 (he didn't say this, but we think it may be the case), he has made ample amends for past sins, and we would like to wish him "Best o' Luck" in his new location.

Many members of the Association will be glad to hear of an old classmate in Dr. Ewart Sarvis. Dr. Sarvis took his early work at the U. of A., completed it in the East, and is now practicing in Provost, Alberta.

John W. Lewis, '21, paid a week-end visit to Edmonton early in November. He was around the University a couple of times looking up old friends. John is surveyor for the Mountain Park Collieries.

Miss Jean McQueen, '22, was in the city for the teachers' convention on November 6th and 7th. She is teaching at Lake Isle, Alberta.

Vegreville High School can boast of its teaching staff having three members of the U. of A. Alumni: Miss Ruth Balaam, B.A. '24, Miss Helen Roscoe, B.A. '22, and J. B. Glover, B.A. '21. They can also boast of the fact that sixty-six and two-thirds per cent. of those members are "in good standing."

Wanted—at once—a few hundred members like W. M. Fleming, B.S.A. '19, who sends his fees for the year 1925-26 as well as for the current year. Mr. Fleming is District Agriculturist, representing the Livestock Branch of the B.C. Department of Agriculture. He is located at Duncan, B.C. During his spare time he is studying extramurally for an M.S.A. degree at the U. of B.C.

Another visitor to Varsity during the last few days was F. P. Whitman, '23. He is receiving congratulations these days on the birth of a young son. We offer our very best wishes to him and Mrs. Whitman.

Another good member of the Alumni is Alex. B. Jackson, '23, who in spite of strikes, has been able to blow himself to a "blow" in

Spokane, Wash. While there he learned how quickly the dollars shrink to shin plasters, so he got busy and sent a pair of nice, dirty, full sized (or nearly so) Canadian dollar bills to the Treasurer, who was then busily engaged keeping the cinders out of his eyes in Pittsburgh. Since A. B. may see this, I guess I had better admit that the two bills were one money order which was "not negotiable" for two months. Think of it and weep.

J. Millen, '24, spent the summer with the Survey Department of the Brazeau Collieries, Nordegg, Alberta. He was apparently able to steer clear of all "shell" games, or maybe he salted down two simoleons for the Treasurer, so he would have the Trail assured for the long winter evenings ahead.

D. F. Philp, '22, is now teaching in the Vermilion High School.

Wm. De Mille, '24, is in Chicago. We hear that he was married in August. How about it, Bill?

Miss Dixie Pelluet, '19, has taken up her duties at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, where she is the incumbent of a fellowship in botany.

Miss Margaret B. Russell, B.Sc. Pharm. '21, has completed a year's apprenticeship with Mr. Hardisty, druggist, and is now dispenser at the University Hospital.

Miss Mildred E. Rowe, '24, is teaching a rural school at Drayton Valley, Alberta, twenty-nine miles south of Entwistle. She hopes to renew active relationships with all her friends when she returns in December.

News from Ottawa conveys to us word of Mr. G. R. Stevens, '15, who has been Trade Commissioner for Canada at Kingston, Jamaica. He has been transferred to Cape Town, South Africa, and sailed from Canada early in May.

Pat Donaldson, '22, has been a silent member since last spring. How about collecting the Los Angeles bunch again this fall, Pat?

I. W. Jones, '22 and '24, is working as a research assistant in geology at the University of Toronto. His address is 71 Charles St. W. Our old friend "Six" Langford works in the same department. Apparently there are enough Alberta grads in Toronto to form a thriving branch of the Alumni Association.

Art Fraser, '24, is working in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Pennsylvania R.R. in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is not very keen on remaining in railway work, but when he thinks of Sir Henry Thornton, who got his start in that very office, he is tempted to show Sir Henry a few things about railroad-ing. He is living with R. B. Bryden, '22, and family, at 130 Grandin St., Crafton, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Box 402, Hawthorne, California, is where J. A. Carswell, '20, calls for his mail. For the past year he has been working for a contracting firm. He mentions seeing Elmer McKittrick, '20, once in a while. That reminds us that we haven't heard from "Mac" for a

long time. Come through with some of the gruesome details, E. S.

Mrs. L. Coursier, nee Miss G. F. Duclos, gives us a few particulars of the world's new oil centre, Wainwright. Even the drinking water from the wells has a film of oil on it, and she "often longs for a drink of our good old muddy water from the Saskatchewan."

Another old-timer came back to the flock this fall. Mr. David H. Elton, K.C., LL.B. '14, showed very definitely that he wants to line up with the U. of A. and get his "Trail."

A letter of appreciation of the "Trail" and especially the "Anvil Chorus" was left in lately from C. B. McAllister B.S.A. '21. He spends the winters in Calgary, but goes through the south in the summer, demonstrating irrigation practices. He is responsible for the following three bits of news:

R. S. B. Lillico, '20, has been engaged in railway engineering work near Oakridge, Oregon. He was last heard from in Los Angeles, where he attended the "get-together" of U. of A. grads in February last.

A. P. Hunter, '21, is the rising young cattle-king of Innisfree, Alberta.

Hector McArthur, '21, has left the Claresholm School of Agriculture to take charge of a grain elevator in the same place. He has been succeeded as Field Husbandry instructor by E. G. Bayfield, '23.

N. H. Atkinson, '22 and '23, better known as "Steve," has wandered from the wasteland of Arizona back to Southern B.C., and is now in Kimberley. How about stopping off here on your next lap, Steve?

A very formal looking document arrived the other day. At first glance we thought we would have to blow five plunks on a wedding present, but we were "agreeably disappointed" that it wasn't. It announced that James R. Davidson, B.A. '21, has commenced a law practice under the name of Dunne and Davidson, with chambers in the Albertan Building, Calgary, Alberta.

R. E. Fetter, '22, and Keith Muir, '23, have returned to Varsity, and are continuing their studies in Civil Engineering.

We wish to offer our heartiest congratulations to this year's Rhodes Scholar, E. H. Gowan, '23. We know that Ted will be a credit to our Alma Mater, and we wish him the best of good fortune.

Wilda Blow, '21, has been granted a year's leave of absence from the Calgary Public School staff, and has gone to England to study music.

Susie McLennan, '22, is taking a course in Physical Education at the University of Washington. Just send us a few lines from 4733 University Boulevard, Seattle, Susie.

Margaret C. Archibald, '23, reports at length. In Toronto she has attended two Sunday assembly services at Convocation Hall—"on both occasions I've heard an address on the subject of 'Why do you come

to University?" I wish some public-spirited individual would answer that question exhaustively and conclusively for the benefit of all speakers who are asked to address successive generations of college students." Margaret has found friends in Toronto, for Dorothy Whiteman is across the hall and Marjorie Bradford also lives near.

Dorothy Diller, M.A. '23, has moved from Vegreville to the High River High School. We would like to hear how the climate suits you!

Class '22 and others will be glad to hear that Helena Keith is recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever at Wainwright, where she has been teaching.

Daphne Garrison, '22, is home at Westlock after a year in Stettler.

Peggy Stanford, '24, is at Lacombe, and Daphne Koenig, '22, at Ponoka. A despatch from either place would be welcome at headquarters.

During the summer W. G. Jewitt, '23, while working in the Industrial Research laboratory, has his leg severely burned by a mixture of hot tar-sands. After a long time in the hospital he is now convalescing and is able to be out.

D. B. Simpkin, '22, writes again from Chile. He is still with the Braden Copper Co., and seems to be having a fairly good time. The size of his cheque speaks well for his attitude to the Alumni Association and his Alma Mater. We shall be glad to hear from him again.

William Swift, '24, came up from Tofield to attend the Oxford debate and the second meeting of the Alumni Association.

Miss "Libby" Lloyd, '12, was also at this meeting. Miss Lloyd came in from her home at Waskatenau to spend two weeks among University friends.

The Vermilion fair last summer turned out to be a gathering of the clan. The following alumni were there, the first five with their wives: George Clark '21, E. H. Buckingham '21, N. F. Bell '19, B. J. Whitbread '18, J. E. Kirk '21, J. E. Meagher '21, Jack Cross '23, Jerry Moore '21, Bob Sinclair '18. Vermilion has enough graduates to form a local of the Alumni Association.

Dorothy Whiteman, '22, is taking post-graduate work at Toronto.

J. W. McAllister, B.S.A., has recently joined the staff of the Department of Extension.

Sinclair Budd, '21, is teaching among the Hutterites, near Magrath.

Miss Jessie Bickel, '24, is teaching in Calgary after spending the summer on a Calgary newspaper.

Dr. Whitney ("Jitney") Banks, B.A. '21, is practising medicine in Montreal.

Dr. Edward J. Miller is in Calgary at the present.

Dr. Noel Sulis is practising in Kansas City, although he took a holiday to see his Calgary home in October.

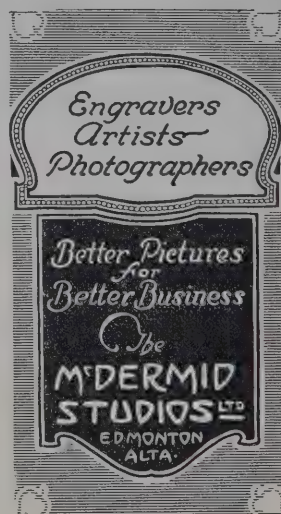
Miss Margaret Malone, '24, spent the summer as Dietetician in the Mental Hospital at Ponoka, but is now in the University Hospital as Special Dietetician. We are indebted to her for the next few items.

Miss B. Timmins, '24, is in Chilliwack, B.C. She is teaching H.E.C. in public and high schools and likes it very much.

Miss Hilda Wilson, '24, is still in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton.

Miss Ferne Stacey, '24, is going to start her pupil dietetics course at the University Hospital on December 1st.

Miss Hazel McIntyre, '24, is taking her practical work in the Vancouver General Hospital, and will probably remain there until the end of November.



Marriages and Births

MARRIAGES

Baker—Stubbs—At Calgary, on November 8, 1924, Frances Lovella Stubbs, M.A. '24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stubbs, to Roy Irvine Baker, B.Sc. '24. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have made their home at 716 4th St. N.W., Calgary.

Bridgeman—Gardiner—At Macleod, Alberta, in August, 1924, Bessie Dow Gardiner, '21, to Oscar Cleon Bridgeman, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeman are spending a year in Boston before returning to the University of Alberta.

Brown—Mann—At "Willowbrook Farm," Alix, on July 16th, 1924, Evangeline Olive, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mann, to William Redman Brown, B.S.A. '23, of Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have made their home in Edmonton.

Blundell—MacEachern—At Wetaskiwin, on September 1st, 1924, Marion Mae MacEachern, B.A. '23, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacEachern, to Captain Peter John Stuart Blundell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blundell, of Stratford-on-Avon, England. Captain and Mrs. Blundell have made their home at Wabamun.

Caldwell—Rowls—At Empress, Alberta, on November 10, 1924, Miss Jessie Rowls to Dr. A. L. Caldwell.

Campbell—Hulbert—At Edmonton, on September 24th, 1924, Lula B., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hulbert, to William P. Campbell, B.Sc. '23, son of Mrs. Robert Campbell, 86th Avenue, Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have made their home at 10723 80th Avenue, Edmonton.

Cook—Campbell—At Edmonton, on Sept. 12th, 1924, Margaret Campbell to Alexander J. Cook, '20, son of Mrs. John Cook, of Edmonton.

Goodwin—Wilson—At Calgary, on November 11, 1924, Dr. Margaret Jean Wilson, B.A. '22, to Ralmond Denison Goodwin. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin will reside at Irricana, Alberta.

Graham—Fraser—At Edmonton, on October 14th, 1924, Bessie Kennedy Fraser, B.A. '20, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fraser, 9734 111th Street, Edmonton, to Frank Graham, of Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have made their home at Coleman.

Matthews—Parsons—At Altoona, Florida, Ada Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Parsons, to Whitney Matthews,

B.Sc. '21, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Matthews, Daysland. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are living in the Armstrong Block, 104th Street, Edmonton.

Murray—Simpkin—At her home, Maple Creek, on August 28, 1924, Mary Simpkin, B.Sc. '23, to Archibald Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have made their home at Melfort, Saskatchewan.

McLeod—Williams—At Gull Lake, on July 30th, 1924, Ruth Williams, B.A. '21, to Munro McLeod, B.A. '21. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod have made their home at Medicine Hat.

McLellan—Parney—At Edmonton, on Sept. 3rd, 1924, Lena Rose, only daughter of Mr. L. D. Parney, to William Norman McLellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McLellan, of Fort Saskatchewan. Mr. and Mrs. McLellan have made their home at 10226 103rd Street, Edmonton.

Neilson—Smith—At Westlock, on Sept. 27th, 1924, Madge Smith to Sigvald Neilson, LL.B., '24. Mr. and Mrs. Neilson have made their home at 10722 106th Avenue, Edmonton.

Pegrum—Pheasey—At Edmonton, on July 30th, 1924, Marion, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pheasey, to Dudley Frank Pegrum, M.A. '24, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pegrum. Mr. and Mrs. Pegrum have made their home at Lethbridge, where Mr. Pegrum is an instructor in the High School.

Scroggie—Cobbledick—At Edmonton, July 31st, 1924, Marguerite, only daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Cobbledick, of Edmonton, to Arthur D. Scroggie, M.Sc. '24, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Scroggie, of Bow City. Mr. and Mrs. Scroggie are living on 85th Avenue, Garneau, Edmonton.

Turner—McIntosh—At Edmonton, on July 29th, 1924, Annie Beatrice, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntosh, to Dr. William James Turner. Dr. and Mrs. Turner have made their home at 9834 90th Avenue, Edmonton.

Wees—Johnson—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cameron, Alexander Block, Edmonton, on September 27th, 1924, Frances A. Johnson to Wilfred Wees, B.A. '23. Mr. and Mrs. Wees have made their home in the White Block, Edmonton South.

Wilton—Iddings—At Edmonton, on August 27th, 1924, Alta Iddings, B.A. '24, to Chas. R. Wilton. Mr. and Mrs. Wilton have made their home in the Seona Block, Edmonton.

BIRTHS

Allan—At the Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, on October 20th, 1924, to Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Allan, a son, Edward James.

Campbell—At the Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, on September 24th, 1924, to Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell, 11138 87th Ave., a daughter, Florence Elizabeth.

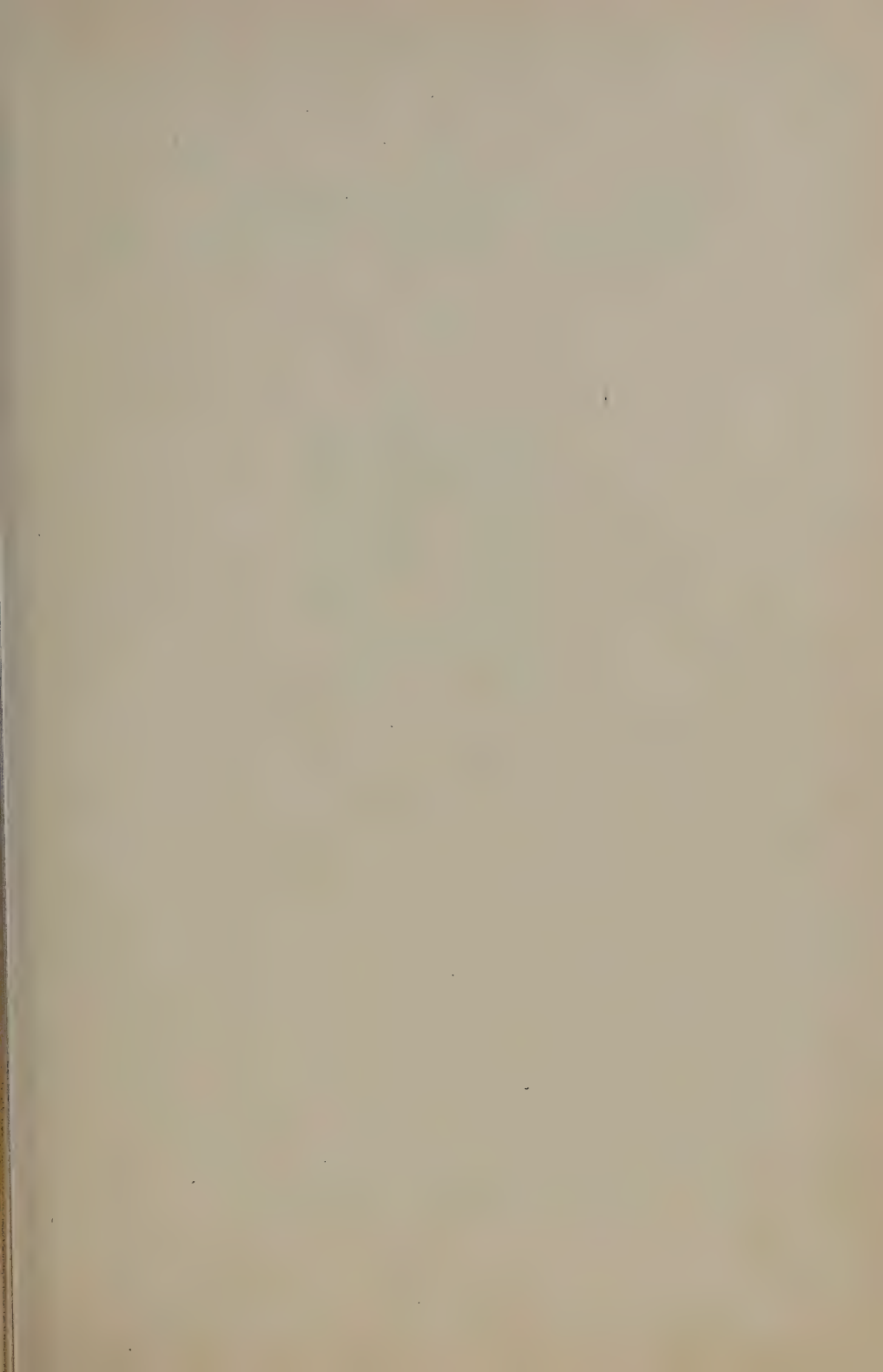
Moss—At the Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, on September 8th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moss, 437 Crawford Street, Toronto, a daughter, Marion Shipley.

McAllister—At Edmonton, on October 16th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McAllister, 9314 80th Avenue, Edmonton, a daughter.

MacGibbon—At the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, on September 24th, 1924, to Dr. and Mrs. D. A. MacGibbon, a son, Peter Richard.

Whitman—At the General Hospital, Edmonton, on October 18th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Whitman, a son, Charles James Edward.

Wilton-Clark—At the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, on July 18th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilton-Clark, 11115 89th Avenue, a daughter, Dorothy Jane.



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THE University of Alberta War Memorial is to be an organ erected in Convocation Hall. This decision was arrived at by the War Memorial Committee at a meeting in December. This committee is a large one, and representing, as it does, every phase of the University as well as the public, its judgments arise from varied opinions and should meet with wide approval. Everybody can rest assured that many forms of memorials were considered before the conclusion was finally reached that an organ to cost \$12,000 was of all memorials the most suitable. It is within the possibility of attainment, and yet remains a challenge to the strongest efforts of all connected with the University.

The War Memorial Committee asked the Alumni Association to continue to act as finance committee. The advisory council immediately appointed a small executive to carry on the work, and since then the organization has grown so that in its various ramifications over a hundred graduates, professors, students and citizens are tackling the big job, resolved to leave no stone unturned to raise the money necessary for erecting the memorial. The various committees have taken the motto: "An organ by next Armistice Day."

The results so far have been very gratifying to the executive. Over half the required sum has been subscribed. Contributions from the graduates have just begun to arrive in a steady stream, and it is this response that is giving the workers the greatest encouragement; for it was commonly said that the alumni had no interest in the University of Alberta once they had left it, that the university spirit was but a name forgotten at gradu-

ation. Was this true? Would the alumni rally behind the memorial? These doubts filled the executive with apprehension, and it felt that if the alumni fell down it could not for shame seek support elsewhere. Such fears were unfounded. Graduates, wherever scattered, are showing that they are loyal to the U. of A., and that they feel the worth of the tradition left by eighty of their comrades who gave up their lives. Coming in the earliest infancy of the university, this sacrifice should be its quickening spirit throughout all generations, and graduates are showing their determination to keep alive this memory of a strenuous time when the University of Alberta men were not found wanting.

The graduates have already given \$2,800 to the Memorial Fund. Much more remains to be done. There is no room for indifference. The janitors and the workers in the dining-room and kitchen and in the workshops of the University have, with a generosity that represents real self-denial, given nearly \$600. The teaching staff, most of whom have college allegiances elsewhere, have given \$2,200; and the students have given about \$1,000—and many of these students, it must be remembered, had but entered the kindergarten when the war broke out. Friends of the University are giving with enthusiasm. The Women's Musical Club of Edmonton, aided by most of the city's musicians, is presenting an opera to help the fund; and the Musician's Union has decided that on this occasion its members shall play in the orchestra without any charge. Other organizations are raising money in different ways. Such has been the response. The alumni cannot fall behind. More is expected of them than

of anybody else, and rightly so. Other fields of revenue have been well worked; the success of the fund depends now almost entirely on the graduates. Only if they give to the limit will the memorial come into being. The slogan is: "Something from everybody."

FROM Mr. G. R. Stevens, in South Africa have come some criticisms and suggestions for the *Trail* which the editors were glad to receive; for no one is more conscious of weakness than they, and signs of interest such as Mr. Stevens' letter shows give them encouragement to do their best. He would have the *Trail* "either the clearing house for the news and opinions of the hundreds who have disassociated themselves through graduation, or as a placid and non-committal organ of the best Western Canadian thought upon matters of national rather than parochial interest." He would have

us "call back to the pages of the *Trail* Cairns, Glanville, Fred Parney, Chub Carswell, Sandy Caldwell, George Ferguson, Charley Reilly, and any more of the hundreds who are in a logical position to pass upon the world, its flesh and its devils." To all this the *Trail* agrees most heartily, and reminds its readers that its mail box is a capacious one.

THE spread of the Ku Klux Klan to Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and other Canadian cities leads us to expect that our national anthem will soon be "Oh! Canada."

AT best the path of higher education in Western Canada is not easy, and the graduates of Alberta sympathize with the University of Saskatchewan in the loss of its magnificent Engineering Building through fire.

Details of the Memorial Organ

The organ which it is proposed to place in the galleries of Convocation Hall, a section in either side, will be modern in every respect, and in its beauty, quality and size it will be a memorial of which none may feel ashamed. The specifications as submitted by Messrs. Casavant Freres of Ste. Hyacinthe (a firm favorably known throughout America) and approved by the Memorial Committee at its meeting in December last, are here given in an abbreviated form.

It will be a three-manual pipe organ with a detached console of the English type. Its action will be electro-pneumatic; that is, it will be played from in front of the stage on the right hand side of the main floor. It will have a full set of reversible and combination pistons, couplers, balanced pedals, crescendo pedals, indicators, etc.

GREAT ORGAN

	Feet.	No. of Pipes.
Open Diapason	8	68
Violin Diapason	8	68
Stopped Diapason	4	68
Gemshorn	8	68
Harmonic Flute	4	68
Octave	4	68
Trumpet	8	68

SWELL ORGAN (ENCLOSED)

Bourdon	16	68
Open Diapason	8	68
Stopped Diapason	8	68
Viola di Gamba	8	68
Voix Celeste	8	49
Aeoline	8	63
Flauto Traverso	4	68
Flautino	2	61
Dolce Cornet	3 ranks	204
Cornopean	8	68
Oboe	8	68
Voix Humana	8	68
Tremulant	8	68

CHOIR ORGAN (ENCLOSED)

Melodia	8	68
Viole d'Orchestre	8	68
Dulciana	8	68
Wald Flote	4	68
Clarinet	8	68
Tremulant.		

PEDAL ORGANS

Open Diapason	16	30
Bourdon	16	30
Gedeckt	16	30
Octave	8	30
Stopped Flute	8	30

It may be seen from the above that there are over thirty stops representing some nineteen hundred pipes, and considering the moderate size of the hall this is as large an organ as would be desirable. There is an abundance of diapason tone, the foundation of good organ tone, and all the standard solo and accompaniment stops usually found in organs are represented. Such organs nowadays are put together with standardized numbered parts so that they can easily be taken down and rebuilt somewhere else if desired. The architectural features of this organ are in capable hands, and when concretely expressed should enhance the present beauty of Convocation Hall.

U. OF A. ALUMNI GET TOGETHER
AT VANCOUVER

On December 18th, 1924, the U. of A. boys residing in Vancouver held a reunion banquet at the University Club, where all partook of the necessities of life while spinning yarns of the days long ago when the dining took place in Athabasca Hall. Fond recollections of prunes, mumps, rugby, indoor baseball with all its excitement, basketball, etc., whiled away a very pleasant evening.

The meeting was hurriedly called to enable Russ. Love, who was then visiting in the city, to join in for the evening. Thanks to him a great deal of information was obtained about the old-timers living in Alberta.

Jack Buchanan, U. of A. trainer for many years, who is now with the U. of B.C., was the honored guest of the evening.

Those present included C. G. Markle, Stonewall Jackson, Dexter, G. R. McLanders, W. F. Seyer, K. Craig, R. Love, Leo. Brown, E. C. McLeod, E. Annes, Jack Buchanan, and George Sereth. Roy Clark, W. B. McKee and A. E. White were unavoidably absent.

It was decided to hold several social functions throughout the year.

A Brief History of the Memorial Movement

The project of a memorial to commemorate those who enlisted for active military service was taken up by the Senate of the University of Alberta at its meeting of May 3rd, 1917, at which time a small committee was appointed to prepare an Honor Roll. At that time it was thought too soon to take any action of a permanent nature regarding a memorial to those who had fallen.

The first move toward the latter project came before the Senate on December 13, 1918, when the following recommendation was read from the General Faculty Council:

"That the Senate of the University be asked to appoint a committee representative of all the interests of the University in connection with the gathering together of historical matter and arrangements for a suitable memorial representative of the University's connection with the Great War."

FIRST CAMPAIGN

This recommendation was adopted, the former committee was relieved of its duties, and a committee was appointed representing the Board of Governors, the Senate, the Administration, the Faculty, the Alumni Association, the Comforts

Club, and the undergraduates. This committee consisted of 26 members, and was granted power to add. With Chief Justice Harvey (Chairman of the Board of Governors) in the chair, it had a number of meetings, the outcome of which was the decision that a fund of \$50,000 should be raised to provide for a physical memorial and a general memorial fund, including memorial scholarships, and a memorial volume.

The sub-committee on finance began its work, and a number of subscriptions were received and placed temporarily in the hands of the Bursar of the University as a loan fund for returned men. The financial depression of the following years, however, made it seem inopportune to proceed with the canvass.

In the meantime, it seemed to the General Memorial Committee that something might be done by the Alumni Association, since it consisted of those naturally most interested in the project, the friends and associates of the boys who had enlisted. It was accordingly appointed as the sub-committee on finance. Under the leadership of its president, W. Dixon Craig, considerable progress was made, but, with changing officials, the matter became inactive.

PRESENT MOVEMENT BEGINS

Last autumn, the new officials of the Alumni Association, finding on their books that they had been officially appointed by the General Memorial Committee as the sub-committee on finance, asked that a meeting of the General Committee be called. At that meeting they asked direction as to whether they were to proceed with the canvass and as to whether the \$50,000 was still to be the objective. They also asked that a definite objective for the physical memorial should be decided upon. As a result of a preliminary meeting of the local members of the General Memorial Committee, held on November 4th, 1924, it was moved by W. Dixon Craig, seconded by Chancellor Stuart, and carried, that:

"It is the opinion of this meeting that a memorial organ, erected in Convocation Hall at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00, would be a suitable form for the physical memorial to take, and that this project be placed before a regular meeting of the committee to be called shortly."

It was the wish of all present that in addition to such a memorial organ, if decided upon, there should be preserved in some place of prominence upon it, a bronze tablet containing the names of those who had perished in the Great War.

The above was approved by a regular meeting of the committee held on December 5th, 1924, and the Alumni Association was asked to continue to act as the committee on finance.

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The President's Memorial Message

To All Members of the University:

I cannot tell you the pleasure it gives me to know that again an effort is being made to raise the funds necessary to build a memorial to those of our numbers who fell in the Great War. You need hardly be reminded of the terrible days of 1915-16-17, even though in the security of today they sometimes seem unreal and far off. It was all very real then; the foundations of our civilization were being shaken by the most terrible calamity in human history. The British Empire had become involved on a question of honor, and our security as well as that of every part of the British Commonwealth was endangered. Today, it is easy to look back and in a critical spirit question the motives of those who issued the call to the colors, but in that terrible hour those who thought at all acted without question from the highest motives. It was under these circumstances that within three years, without waiting for conscription laws to be passed, numbers from the student body equal to the total student registration in a year joined the colors, and

with them approximately fifty per cent. of the teaching staff of the University. They knew that facing war meant facing death, yet with cheerful if saddened hearts they went. They were of our best, the finest scholars and athletes in the University, and we assured them they would not be forgotten.

After signing the Peace, a Memorial Committee was organized to do what you are undertaking today, and then there came upon us like a deluge the after-effects of the war. While we did not forget, the pressure of circumstances made action difficult. My own feeling today is that no pressure of circumstances should have prevented us from going forward. It is useless, however, to regret what cannot now be remedied. I sincerely hope that the Memorial Committee, having put its hand to the plow, will not turn back, and that all the members of the University will throw themselves with energy and zeal into the movement and maintain their interest until the work is completed.

H. M. TORY.

The Players Club Presents a Play

The first public appearance of the Alumni Players Club was a decided success. On Feb. 13, in Convocation Hall, it presented "The Lilies of the Field," a comedy by J. Hastings Turner, one of the liveliest comedies ever given at the University. It is the story of the up-to-date twin daughters of the old-fashioned Reverend John Head and his wife ("surely," says the vicar, "it was unnecessary to add 'and his wife'").

On the twins' birthday their grandmother arrives with the gifts, for one a month in London and for the other ten yards of pink crêpe de chine. The problem is, who shall get which? It happens that a stranger, an antiquarian named

Barnaby Haddon, is expected for lunch; and the perplexed grandmother decides that whichever girl "clicks" with this young man shall have the trip to London. The twins, Elizabeth and Catherine, hear these secret schemes, and prepare for friendly battle. Elizabeth "clicks" by assuming the dress and manners of demure Victorianism, and she gets the trip. Arrived in London she has to keep up her assumed manners. She becomes the centre of a coterie of idle rich, to whom Victorianism in manners and dress is the biggest sensation since the "breeches year." The Reverend John Head comes to London, realizes how his daughter has "clicked" with Haddon

through deception, and refuses to consent to the marriage. Elizabeth, in despair at the predicament she is in, throws off her Victorian garb (really), and confesses the whole design. Barnaby Haddon, however, had known it from the beginning, for he had heard the twins making plans. The affair turns out to the satisfaction of everybody. The other twin lands one of her sister's admirers, who proves his affection by going even so far as to shave off his long mid-Victorian sideburns.

The sparkling dialogue of this play pleased the audience immensely, and it is much to the credit of the players and the director that every point told. Professor James Adam, '12, was the director. The actors were: Margaret Gold, Barbary Villy, Mrs. A. L. Burt, Maimie Simpson, Jean McIntosh, Silver Dowding, Irene Frazer, Wilfred Wees, T. G. McCullough, Howard Emery and Bert Rudd.

DEWDROPS THAT SPARKLED ON THE LILIES OF THE FIELD

Ann (the Vicar's wife): I'm serious, John. You're not fit to have a bank balance.

Vicar: It's only a little one.

Ann: That's why you're not fit to have it.

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Vicar: Still I agree with Ann. Modern people nowadays seem so very modern.

Mrs. Walter (the grandmother): So they always have.

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Vicar: It's curious how women never just tell a thing, but always keep on telling it.

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Elizabeth: . . . Now, that has been a marriage!

Catherine: Two utterly hopeless darlings!

Elizabeth: Well, that's the ideal. As a rule, one's hopeless and the other's a darling.

Catherine: Even if one of us falls in love, or get married—or—*or any* tragedy.

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Haddon: I cannot imagine in the year 1925 anything more refreshing than a girl flying to her mother.

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Ropes: . . . Miss Elizabeth, you shall tomorrow night light a candle . . .

Vicar (interrupting): Sir, the originator of that remark was not a martyr to fashion!

Ropes (with a bow): And is not intolerance, sir, merely a fashion?

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Ann: It's so weak not to do things that rattle you.

Vicar: It's weaker still to do them just because you think it's weak not to do them.

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Catherine: Always bank on a miracle till it doesn't happen.

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Catherine: But—he—he might just laugh and kiss you. Men are awfully queer about things that worry women.

Elizabeth (who can't decide whether to make a confession): He might just laugh, and not kiss me.

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Elizabeth: Well, if the worst comes to the worst, I shall tell them all what I really think.

Catherine: What do you really think?

Elizabeth: I don't know yet. But I shall, if the worst comes to the worst. One always does.

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Withers: Mr. Bryan Ropes, miss.

Elizabeth: Oh, well—will you see him, Catherine?

Catherine: Yes—no—that is—no—or yes, all right—yes.

Withers: I understand the "ayes" have it, miss.

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Ropes: Look here, sir, I don't consider that mere money matters much as regards the happiness of people. As a matter of fact, I have a private income of about three thousand a year.

Vicar: In that case I quite agree that money doesn't matter.

Winter Athletics

It is to be hoped that the readers of this column love sport for sport's sake, otherwise they may be somewhat disappointed with what is to follow.

While it has seemed impossible to turn out a team of championship calibre, yet all the clubs have had an active season, and given many creditable performances. And after all, it is the spirit that is shown rather than the result that forms the basis for judging our teams. In this respect the traditions of the University have been well lived up to.

HOCKEY.

The senior hockey team started out the season with a bang, winning their first two games in the city league without

turning a hair. After a spirited fight with the two city teams throughout the season, the Varsity boys won the right to play off against the Victorias for the city championship. The first game, which was staged at the Arena, went to the Victorias by a one goal margin. Although the chances for Varsity's being able to overcome this lead looked pretty rosy, Varsity came out on the low side of the score on the second game, and was thus eliminated from the provincial series.

A short trip was made to Saskatoon to play the University of Saskatchewan during the early part of February, and resulted in a win for Saskatchewan.

This comprised the programme of the Hockey Club as far as senior hockey was concerned. Next year it is to be hoped

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OGDEN'S LIVERPOOL

that a real inter-collegiate series will come off, and with the experience that the team has piled up this year they should show up well.

While senior hockey has been taking the lion's share of attention, the inter-faculty teams have been playing a kind of hockey that augurs well for the success of future senior teams. Instead of the usual six-team league, the faculties have been combined into four teams, with the result that a much better grade of hockey has been displayed. At the time of going to press the Med-Dent team was leading with the Pharmacy-Arts team closely following. The playoff will in all probability be between these two teams.

In the number of games won the ladies' hockey team probably were more successful than any other team representing the University this year.

On a trip which included Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Calgary and Camrose, the team more than held their own, winning three of the games and playing to a draw on the other.

Unfortunately the championship of the universities had to be settled by one game, and since the game was a tie the championship remained with the present titleholders, the University of Manitoba.

BASKETBALL

Accustomed as Varsity fans have been to see the city basketball championship won by the Varsity team, it was somewhat of a rude jolt to have the newly-organized Forty-ninth Battalion team defeat the Varsity hoopsters three games out of four to win the city championship.

Eliminated from the provincial series, attention was next centred on the game with the University of Manitoba, the first for the inter-collegiate title. This game proved more or less of a washout for the U. of A. boys, and after a very poor exhibition of basketball, the game ended with Manitoba leading by five points. Another game was scheduled to be played, but owing to the inability of the University of Saskatchewan to visit here, it had to be called off.

The intermediate basketball team did not have any more success than the seniors, and were eliminated by the Fusiliers in the city league.

House league basketball is not losing any of its interest for those in residence, and many are the battles that are fought in these house-league games. At the time of going to press the league was still in progress with a three-cornered tie, making the fight for first place a real test of the calibre of the teams.

Although not any more successful than the men's teams, the ladies' team carried on in the city league until eliminated by the now famous Varsconas.

In a game with the University of Manitoba the girls were again forced to come out on the low side of the score, although putting up a spirited fight against a much more experienced team.

BOXING AND WRESTLING

While it is too early to give any news of the Varsity entries in the provincial tournament, yet mention must be made of the very successful tournament which this club promoted for the Varsity eliminations. This affair proved to be very popular, and it is to be hoped that the interest aroused this year will even increase in the coming term.

It is only fitting that, while the purpose of this department is to give those who have graduated from the U. of A. some idea of what is being done in the field of athletics at the present time, it should also note what is being done in this line by the graduates themselves.

The outstanding names which come to the writer's mind are those of Jack McAllister and George Parney, who graduated last year, and are now members of the 49th Battalion team, which won the provincial championship from Raymond. No less outstanding are the names of Helen Beny, Bernice Carmichael and Olive Caldwell, who along with Lucille Dobson, an undergraduate, and two or three local girls forming the Varscona team, have made basketball history in their games with the world's championship Commercial Grads. In a three-game series for provincial championship, the Varsconas won a game and came within one point of tying another. The world champions met their first defeat in the Varsity gym.

Odd Bits

THE FIRST Annual Arts banquet showed the up-to-dateness of this faculty by the menu, which we print for the amusement of crossword addicts:

Horizontal

1. The posterior plumage of a rooster (eight letters).
2. A palatable liquid of high viscosity (eight letters).
3. Elder brother of Royce (five letters).
4. A neat animal, English when alive, French when dead (four letters).

Vertical

1. A prominent Irish family (eight letters).
 2. An adjective applied to the auricular lobes of Mr. J. Dempsey (eleven letters).
 3. My pretty maiden, what do you do when you're suddenly frightened? (eight letters).
 4. Another No. 4—but black (six letters).
- The *Trail* will send the solution in answer to requests accompanied by contributions to the Memorial Fund.

SURPRISING, but true. There are sixty graduates engaged in whole or part time studies at the University.

THE STOCK judging team which invaded the East this winter brought back as a trophy of their prowess a fine bronze buffalo. We guess Dean Howes was tickled.

ANOTHER "cross-country" debate is in prospect for next autumn. Not Oxford this time, but a student team selected from over Great Britain. The Oxford experiences leads us to prophesy that the prairie flowers will not be easy pickings.

THOSE perennial murmurs against the superficiality of university training are heard again this year. Too many social embellishments and not enough of hard thinking and cultural influence, 'tis said. It is interesting to note, however, some of the good things which make for wisdom that have come our way this year: the Oxford debate, Jascha Heifetz, Mrs.

Philip Snowden, Rachmaninoff, Dr. Williams (Rajah Singh), Herbert Heaton of Australia—to say nothing of the Exchange Professors.

PROFESSORS are supposed to be a dull lot. The exchange professors this year have furnished living denial to that generalization. Professor Eaton's description of the Irish National Theatre was a delight to many, and Professor Harvey found a ready audience for his delineation of the genius of Judge Haliburton, the author of *Sam Slick*.

THE ANNUAL spring play of the Dramatic Society was Barrie's "The Admirable Crichton." So was the acting. It was directed by Professor Adam.

THE UNIVERSITY of MANITOBA won the inter-university debating championship and the McGoun cup in February. The subject of debate was the abolishing of the Canadian Senate.

"OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT"



Do you remember—about this time of year?

Doodah, Doodah, Day

BY GEORGE V. FERGUSON.

Doodah, doodah, day—who does not know the mad, galloping tune of the Camptown races? Let him who knows it not muffle up his head in his mantle, and hold his peace, lest gross darkness should cover the face of the earth, and great darkness the people. The words seem fitting as a description of my feeling when, a few days ago, I received an epistle from the well-known John T. Jones—a bald request for 2,500 “bright and racy” words for *The Trail*.... *Juste Ciel! Juste Ciel!* as we used to say when Dean Kerr had led us into the labyrinthine thought of the rhetorical Cornielle. *Juste Ciel*, we repeat—two thousand, five hundred bright and racy words! Doodah, doodah, day!

Two events have convinced me that I have returned to “the colonies”—the land of audacious and unresented impudence—one was the above letter, a pithy screed, covering a bare half sheet of paper, asking for 2,500 “bright and racy” words; the other, the request of a man who walked into the smoker of the train bearing me from Quebec to Montreal, and asked for help in the solution of a cross-words puzzle. I, who had been used to sit ten hours in a train in England with seven travelling companions, and exchange never a word, every man-jack buried behind a newspaper.

In conservative England, one knows a man by the paper he reads. Thus one learns much. If it be the two-penny Morning Post, one knows that he is a gentleman, probably landed; if it be the Daily Mail, one knows that he is a hopeless bourgeois; if it be the Herald, one knows that he is a trade union official—not a real member of the proletariat, for the honest working man does not support his own paper—it does not publish racing results, and if the son of toil does not know who won the 3:15 at Epsom, he takes to his bed, like Ahab, and turns his face to the wall, and will not be comforted. But this is a digression.

Yet this paper can be nothing but a series of digressions, for to remain on one subject for long means that one becomes serious, and to become serious is heinous, for has not the word gone forth that that which is written must be bright—not only bright, but racy. A rough lot, racing people, given over to the things of the flesh and the treasures of this world. I wonder how racy I can be without interference by the censor. For the *Trail* must be bright with discretion; it must be fit pabulum for the offspring of our Alumni; let it never be said that a member of the *Trail* set some little feet astray. So levity without lewdness, I take it, must be my guiding star.

I had thought of writing of “Albertans I Have Met Abroad.” But at once an old, familiar hymn tune began to ring in my head, and, hours later, the words formed themselves spontaneously upon my lips—

“Change and decay in all around I see,”

so I gave up the idea. Then there was the suggestion of the esteemed editor: “Adventures on The Times.” But I had none, and gave up that idea also. Here let me digress. Whenever anything goes wrong in England, there is one great remedy always at hand—a letter to The Times, and, hey presto! the wrong is righted. So goes the traditon, and with the admirable logic of that great nation, the English, whatever has been, is, and ever shall be. Hence, we still write letters to The Times, we always have, and we always shall. Selah. Here followeth the narrative.

In the ancient city of Perugia in northern Italy, there lives a Colonel. Not an ordinary Colonel, such as burgeon in profusion south of the Mason and Dixon line, but a Retired English Colonel, who, grown grey in the service of his Sovereign, is spending the evening of his life abroad, partly because his half-pay goes further when translated into *lire*, partly for the satisfaction of comparing every-

thing around him unfavorably to England. This last consideration is a weighty one. Now, Perugia is a city built on a hill. It was built before railways desecrated the countryside, and the railway station of Perugia lies at the bottom of the hill on which the city stands. The result is that motorists ascending the hill from the station find it easier to open the muffler of their cars when climbing. The consequent noise is deafening, and after many years of suffering, the Colonel decided that there was only one thing for it—to write to *The Times*. He did so. He complained of the din. Sleep, he said, was impossible. Life was unbearable. He appealed to *The Times* to put a stop to it. Ten days later the noise was stopped. The city fathers, more fearful perhaps that the tourist traffic to Perugia would suffer rather than that they would lose their Colonel, issued a decree that motorists must ascend more quietly, or remain in the valley. The magic of *The Times* had been successful. So far, so good.

The scenes now changes to Arabia. This seems curious. Have patience. There was, so late as last autumn, a king in Arabia whose name was Husein. Husein was King of the Hedjaz. His eldest son, Ali, was Emir of Medina; his second son, Feisal, was Kink of Iraq; his third son, Abdullah, was Emir of the Transjordan; his fourth son, whose name I have forgotten, was at Balliol College, Oxford. During the war, recently ended, Husein decided that he must do his part to make the world safe for democracy. Hence, he was on what is known as the winning side. Hence his three sons all sat on thrones. Hence he received a fat subsidy from the British government. Hence, with overweening pride, he announced himself as Caliph of the Faithful, titular head of Islam. Alas for pride! His reach exceeded his grasp. For Husein had a neighbor, a neighbor who disliked him, whose name was Ibn Saud. Ibn Saud, the villain of the piece, needs a paragraph to himself.

The Sultan of the Nejd, for so he is known among his peers, is a Super-Sheik. He is not only Lord over the

Nejd. He is head of the Wahabi sect in Islam. The Wahabis are a fiercely austere, non-conforming Moslem denomination. They are Low Church; the Fundamentalists of Islam. They regard the mass of Mohammedans as being little better than infidels. They hate the mummery and trappings of present day practice. They look on the Holy City of Mecca as being a sink of iniquity, a running sore in the side of the Prophet. They regard the enormous tourist-pilgrim traffic of that place as being an abomination in the eyes of the Lord. Ibn Saud himself, a cross between a Primitive Methodist and a New York gangster, shares these beliefs with his followers. He and Husein had been at daggers drawn for some years, and whenever the desert blossomed after the rains, Ibn would climb into his Ford car and lead a raid against the Hedjaz. During the war, to keep him quiet, the British government had presented him monthly with 5,000 pounds in gold. The subsidy was withdrawn last summer. Two other events occurred soon afterwards. One was a successful raid by Husein upon the camels, chattels and wives of Ibn. The other was the descent of the justly infuriated Wahabis upon Mecca. Husein's army fled. He was in despair. The Wahabis were raging without the walls. Only one resource was left to him. He seized it. He wrote to *The Times* about it.

The letter arrived by telegraph. It painted in vivid word pictures the outrages of the unspeakable Wahabis, and the plight of the lovable and law-abiding people of the Hedjaz. Some of its power was lost owing to the fact that it was telegraphed in French by an Arabian operator and relayed by an Egyptian and an Italian. But great force of diction remained. It appealed to *The Times* and to the civilized world to stop Ibn Saud. No time was lost. The story was given every publicity. *The Times* wrote a fiery leader, warning Ibn of the awful consequences entailed by a further advance. But the thunders of Olympus were of no avail. The lightning missed its mark. Two days later the Sultan was

in Mecca, Husein was a wandering fugitive without a crown, and Ali, his son, reigned in his stead. None of the consequences foreseen by *The Times* took place.

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But King Ali must be left upon his throne, and I must come nearer home, for Arabia is not a pleasant place to dwell in. Only after the seasonal rains, when the desert blossoms like the rose, is it fit for other than Wahabis, and rains are few and far between. Besides, I have never been to Arabia. Some day I hope to go, but not yet. A distinguished alumnus of the University once told me in a fit of depression that he wished to put Asia behind him before he settled down. But he is married now, and his dreams of Araby must wait.

Strange how, even in this sober, economic world, the Wanderlust is still so strong. Time was perhaps when it was easier to satisfy that craving. Now, youth is caught up early in the complex mechanism called Life, and there he stays, until the repressed Wanderlust breaks out in curious forms, unrecognizable as Wanderlust, but Wanderlust still—murder, crime, divorce.

There still remain some fortunates who can satisfy their erring desires—fear not, O virtuous alumni. That sentiment is not immoral, as you call it; err here means to wander, not to sin. But what is sin? Shall I digress? No, I must leave that subject untouched, for who can be bright and racy when discussing man's first disobedience, the origin of good and evil.

To return to wandering. I well remember hearing portentous lectures on the "picaresque novel." This was in my callow youth, when I had a mind like blotting paper, white blotting paper, spotless and unstained. Dr. Broadus delivered the lectures. He recommended us to read such and such books, that we might henceforward speak with authority on the subject of the picaresque, and we jotted the names down in our notebooks, and, if we had consciences, we underlined those names. But we did not read them, for that is the way of the world. Nowadays the young do not read *Gil Blas*. There is a greater picaresque art than

that of *Le Sage*. Do we not daily read of Mutt and Jeff, two most engaging rogues, and all the galaxy of comic strip vagabonds? No, the sun of *Gil Blas* has set, and greater stars have risen in the heavens. Their names are Fisher, Briggs and MacManus.

Outrageous thoughts, dost thou say, O English Department? Go to, then. Rend thy garments, pour ashes upon thy hair, and sit lamenting at the outer gate. To whom the millstone and to whom the sea, if this be all that thy teaching hath brought forth? Consider well the cause of thine iniquity, for verily, the Philistines are upon thee who seek to devour thee and eat up thy flesh. Neither shalt thou heap scorn upon the Philistine, for he who is a Philistine today, the same croweth tomorrow from the top of the dung-heap. "Thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that."

Take for instance, the subject of poetry. I once heard an ornament of the world of Canadian letters deliver a lecture on the subject of *vers libre*—modern *vers libre*, Karl Sandberg & Co. The eminent literateur most evidently loathed Sandberg (is it by chance, Carl Sandburg?). He hated him. He contemned him in his heart. But would he come out into the open, and damn him to the depths of an old-fashioned hell. Not he! For, in his heart of hearts, he was afraid. He feared lest he live to see the day when Mr. Gigadibs, a greater critic than he in the world of letters, would arise and proclaim Sandberg or Sandburg as an *arrivé* among the Immortals. So he hummed and hawed mightily; he said this, and he said that; his speech was interspersed with "But on the other hand's" and "It must be remembered that's". And the audience of young, of callow, of ignorant students snickered mightily, for the paltry devices of that ornament of the world of Canadian letters did not deceive them one whit. They knew. But, such is the insolence of high place, he did not know that they knew. So both went away contented.

Let us take, for instance, the following poem, written in the Neo-Georgian manner by an Oxonian from the west. Some

might say that it is rough-hewn; others, that it is worthless. But who can condemn it? Who will say that this verse which I was fortunate enough to hear recited in the poet's inimitable manner does not contain within its rugged bosom some spark of the divine? Here it is:

"The shados lenthen at the close of day
The sun sinks lo on Iffley's tumbaling
weers.

O! O! How luvly in the setting sun!
I see the tips of Oxen's gleeming spires.

O luvly collidge town I you admire
At Thee my Luv, at Thee I'll never jeer
For you and what you hav I strike my
lire

One thing you have, and that is beer,
beer, beer.

But, O! the trump of duty calls
I must forever leave this luvly spot
But when my life is dun and darknes
falls
I will remember all from you I've got."

There it is, in all its magic beauty. If there be any trace of the influence of earlier writers upon him, it would seem to be the composer of the metrical version of the psalms. That last line,

"I will remember all from you I've got,"

might have been written by Isaac Watts himself, or perchance by some hairy-kneed and nameless Covenanter, crooning to himself as he hid among the Highland hills, while the brutal and licentious soldiery sought for him in vain among the clachans, butts and bens, dochs and dorises and other domestic appurtenances of his native village.

And that is that.

It is difficult to close an erudite paper of this kind, and were it not for the memory of a friend, I could not do so. But that memory serves me well. It is the memory of a man who once attended classes in the University of Alberta. Like myself, he did not graduate therefrom. His career was a modest one. He took little part in the activities of the

students, though for one year he acquitted himself with honor in the onerous post of sheriff. He minded his own business, and allowed others to mind theirs. A rarer virtue than this is rare indeed. He had many friends, of which I was proud to be one, and few enemies. Only once he blazed forth before his public, and, like "Single Speech" Hamilton, his one effort gave him a secure position. His name is Willoughby Bryan. His friends and enemies alike call him Bill.

Bill summarized the peculiar and memorable session of 1919-20 for The Gateway. The Gateway, if I remember aright, refused to publish the finest thing laid before the editorial board for many years. With mordant wit, mingled with gentle humor, he touched upon all that had passed that year, and the chapter closed with the simple sentence—"and thus, having fulfilled our function and completed our task, we will fade into oblivion like the last fragrance of a dying rose."

With this belated tribute to merit unrecognized, I will stop.

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Sparks from the Treasurer's Anvil

Leonard Telfer, '24, sends his best wishes to the Association and to the War Memorial campaign now being carried on. He is now in Trail, B.C.

Carl A. Scholl, '18, is now living at 3931 Clark Street, Oakland, California, and writes a short note from the College of Agriculture, University of California, Berkeley.

J. A. McDonald, '24, is camped at present at Luscar, Alberta, where he is assistant to F. P. Whitman, '23, mine surveyor.

A short note was received since the last last issue from Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Anderson, who are still at Sinyang, Honan, China.

R. C. Taylor, '21, reports from Ponoka that he is lecturing part of the time and that as he travels around the country he meets many old U. of A. friends.

George Robinson, '15 and '20, writes from Edinburgh. For the past four years he has been lecturing at the University of Edinburgh.

John Millen, '24, has shifted from Nordegg to Luscar, Alberta. Luscar is becoming a center for grads of the U. of A. in Mining Engineering, there being four there at present. Time to start a branch of the Association.

We are glad to see that George Salt, '24, is keeping in touch with us. The following extract from his letter is of interest: "The pleasure I had reading of the doings and whereabouts of old friends prompts me to add that I am spending the year at Harvard, studying 'bugs' as usual, and that any time one of those twenty or thirty people back home who owe me letters feels like writing, he can reach me c/o The Bussey Institution, Boston 30, Mass. As I don't see the name of H. D. McKay, '24, in your column, I might mention that he is also here, and managing, I think, to get some enjoyment out of the study of Law."

Jimmie McCabe, '22, wishes to be remembered to all his old pals. He has been in Scotland now for two years, but in spite of that he had a couple of genuine Canadian plunks on hand for the Treasurer. Couldn't you pass them off in Scotland, Jimmie?

Cedric Edwards, '23, is teaching at Jenner, Alta., and is already thinking of the Alumni Banquet in May. We judge from his letter that in addition to his other accomplishments he is becoming a radio fan.

E. W. Phillips, '22, writes from Langdon, Alta.; and John P. Suttill, '17 and '20, from Rolla, B.C., where he has moved from Cereal, Alberta.

Mrs. F. Graham (née Miss E. K. Fraser), Coleman, Alberta, and Mrs. R. McIntyre (née Miss Sybil Sprung), Reston, Manitoba, are both on the right side of the books. We are unusually glad to hear from these two old classmates.

H. E. Smith, '18 and '24, is in Calgary, and resides at 1821 16A St. W.

Miss Sheila Marryat, '23, visited the University early in January, and dropped round to see the **Trail**. Miss Marryat reports a successful and busy year on her farm near Alix.

Gordon Smithers, '21, who has been more or less out of touch for a couple of years, gives us a few items regarding his travels. He spent some time with the Chicago Engineering Works, and then worked with a firm installing Bell telephone equipment. He is now with the Bell Telephone Co. in Montreal, and is living at 1836 Verdun Ave.

From Ottawa we hear of Dr. J. W. McKinney, '17. He is with the Dept. of Health and is trying to get ahead with some research. He mentions a letter from Norman Clark at Ames, Iowa, and says he is "lecturing, researching, and playing golf!"

R. P. Miller, '20, tuned in with the gang to the length of a two-spot, but so far hasn't turned his broadcasting apparatus in this direction. He is living at Yorba Vinda, California. The name sounds as if there might be something behind it—how about it, R.P.?

We received a visit a few days ago from Jas. E. Meagher, '21, who has been at the U.G.G. sawmills at Hutton, B.C., for most of the winter. He mentions Dr. J. W. Lang

(Jimmie), who is resident physician there for the U.G.G. Jimmie is now married, and since September has been living in Hutton.

F. C. Manning, '24, writes a very business-like letter from Calgary. We take it from his letter that he is now a member of the Manning-Egleston Lumber Co., Ltd. Show 'em the real benefit of a University training, Clarence.

Kitscoty, Alta., sends its best wishes to the Association for the year 1925, through its solicitor, G. G. L. Moore, '21, who apparently believes that only one thing should be mentioned in one letter—so we are hoping for another with some news in it.

Miss Ethel M. Steele, '21, is teaching entrance and high school grades at Cluny, Alberta.

Bessie Bridgeman is in Massachusetts. She sees Mr. and Mrs. Max Fife quite often, and her praises of their son are numerous. You have seen his picture. Can you wonder? A good many of us know the reason why flappers (feminine) are like bungalows. Bessie tells us that masculine flappers (there are such specimens) wear bell trousers more or less thrust into gaping and flapping overshoes, and are entirely self-possessed.

Bill de Mille lives at 1418 Noyes Street, Evanston, Ill. He recently married Miss Margaret Craig, of Calgary.

The administrative staffs of the University Hospital and the University, which include many graduates, had a sleigh drive in February. There were about sixty there, including friends of the staff members. After the drive, which lasted about two hours, the party repaired to the University Hospital Hut for refreshments and dancing. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Race and Mr. and Mrs. A. West were delightful chaperones.

We hear from Mrs. R. I. Baker (née Frances Stubbs) occasionally. On the eighth of November Frances took the name of Baker. What's in a name? Ask Roy how he likes the apple pies that Frances bakes.

We have not been forgotten by Muriel Tregillus. Muriel finds Chicago very fascinating, and those who hear from her are in turn fascinated by her vivid description of that melting pot of the world. We do not envy her her early rising hour, six a.m. She says: "It is easy enough to get up to catch a train; one does not argue the matter, somehow."

Mary Martin is attending Normal School in Calgary, and takes time to telephone her friends occasionally.

R. C. Hargrave, '12, who has not been heard from for a long time, is with one of the brick plants at Redcliff, Alberta. He is married and has one child.

We hold up the press to record that Hugh Teskey, '24, blew in from Calgary with the Normal School basketball team, and was seen about Varsity for a couple of days.

Marriages, Births and Deaths

MARRIAGES

Barnecut—Wood—At St. Mark's Church, Hardisty, on February 24th, 1925, Alethea Wood, B.A. '22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wood, to Mr. Reginald Barnecut, B.Sc. '23. Mr. and Mrs. Barnecut have made their home at Milwaukee.

Simmons—Wilson—At the First Presbyterian Manse, Edmonton, on November 22nd, 1925, Hilda Wilson, B.Sc. '24, to Reginald Simmons.

BIRTHS

Rookwood—At the Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, on December 5th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rookwood, 11122 64th St., Edmonton, a son, Ralph Maurice.

Morgan—At Edmonton, on March 12, 1925, to Mr. S. C. Morgan, M.Sc. '23, and Mrs. Morgan (Gladys Buchanan, B.A. '17), a daughter, Helen Elizabeth.

DEATHS

Conrod—At 10023 107th Street, Edmonton, on March 1st, 1925, Dr. James Theodore Conrod, in his twenty-fourth year.

Simmons—At Calgary, on December 23rd, 1925, Reginald Simmons, son of Chief Justice Simmons, Calgary.

Henry—At Edmonton, on March 15, 1925, F. Reginald Henry, son of W. T. Henry, M.L.A., Edmonton.

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from its political motive, is, to say the least, mighty poor foresight. It isn't such a far cry to the hilarious days of 1912 and 1913, when sensible expenditure went hand in hand with inflation and corruption, and we are given to wonder if, when the days of stress appear, our leadership will be any the wiser, or any more courageous.

However that may be, the work accomplished by the schools and universities, east and west, will be one of the most important factors in meeting the problems which our increased man-power are sure to bring. Whatever the future holds in store for us, it is pretty certain that there will be no lack of opportunity and responsibility for the trained men and women already in our midst.

A WORD of Appreciation.—*The Trail* would welcome such from anyone, but dares not to expect it. Will you not, however send along your criticisms, and whatever suggestions may occur to you? And, above all, we would welcome contributions (so would the Treasurer). Wot abaht it, ye generations of "Gateway" scribes; mirth, edification, autobiography, anything we can snip the shears at. There is a blank page, somewhere in this issue; don't be at all shy about filling it up with news about yourself. We'll appreciate it, and so in turn will our readers.

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It will be of general interest to know that Sam Laycock, President of the Association last year, is leaving during August for London, where he is planning to spend two years in educational research under the guidance of Professor C. Spearman, of the University of London. The Association owes a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Laycock for his unstinted labor as its President, and the success of the Memorial Fund drive is due in no small measure to his organizing energy and tireless effort.

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Many University graduates live where they cannot browse in libraries, and lacking this constant contact with books their reading becomes merely casual. Two or three American universities are guiding their alumni to purposeful reading by providing them with reading lists specially compiled with a view to their previous college training and covering a great variety of fields. The University of Alberta Alumni Association is prepared to be of service in this way also, and if its members so desire it will ask the Department of Extension Library to make up Alumni Reading Lists on whatever lines are asked for, and to lend the books in so far as possible. The president of the Association invites correspondence on this matter.

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The Tenth Conference of Canadian Universities

By DEAN W. A. R. KERR.

The Tenth Conference of the Universities of Canada was held at Dalhousie University in the city of Halifax on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th last. Considering the distance, the attendance was large, perhaps the largest number of delegates that have ever come together for one of these conferences.

Representatives of practically all the Canadian universities, including that of as far west as the University of British Columbia, were present. The President of the Conference was Principal Bruce Taylor, of Queen's. Dr. Taylor made an admirable chairman. Business was dispatched promptly, and the meeting kept in good humour by an occasional witty remark from the chair. The University of Alberta was represented by President Tory and Deans Kerr and Rankin.

Reports were received from standing committees on Graduate Work, Athletics, Dental, Engineering, Medical, Legal and Agricultural Education.

An interesting report was made on the work of the Royal Military College. The authorities of that institution have been making an effort to raise its standard and bring its courses, so far as possible, into harmony with those given in recognized Canadian universities. This move will facilitate the interchange of students and recognition of the courses given at the Military College by the universities.

A report was submitted touching the negotiations which had been carried on for some years with the universities of Great Britain and of France. Canon Chartier, of the University of Montreal, reported that the arrangements with the French universities were now complete. Canadian degrees, both Bachelors and Masters, were understood and recognized, and the French universities had appointed an official university delegate in Canada through whom correspondence should be conducted and inter-scholastic arrangements made.

An interesting discussion took place on the wastage of students which occurs during the academic courses.

A paper describing the purposes and methods of the Freshman Committee in the University of Alberta was submitted and read on behalf of Professor E. W. Sheldon.

Perhaps the most significant action taken at the conference was that in connection with Graduate work. There is possibly no situation in the Canadian university world in a more unsatisfactory condition than that of graduate study. Owing to the extreme generosity of the great American universities, large numbers of liberal scholarships and fellowships are offered by them without prejudice to Canadian students every year. The result is that far too much of our best intellectual product is absorbed annually by the United States. It has been felt for a long time that this situation was a really serious one, and that an effective action should be made to meet it.

As voiced by President Tory, and supported by Presidents Murray and MacLean, the western universities were especially interested in the biological sciences as related particularly to agriculture. These institutions felt that the time had come when a definite effort should be made to offer in Canada complete training in this field. President Tory stated that the Research Council would interest itself in the placing of men when their training was completed. It was finally agreed that the western universities should confer in the drawing up of a programme of study, the distance to which they would be able to carry candidates delimited, and subsequently the authorities of McGill and Toronto universities should be called into conference with a view to seeing if it would not be possible that these two institutions would co-operate in the provision of any extra

training required to bring the students in question up to the standard of a first-class doctor's degree. The western universities disclaimed any desire to embark on graduate work, but made it clear that unless the older institutions in the east were willing to assume the leadership they would of necessity be forced to act themselves. It is to be hoped, however, that the movement thus inaugurated at the Halifax Conference in 1925 will result in a real solution of the problem of graduate study in the Dominion.

Aside from the business of the Conference, Dalhousie University and the city of Halifax extended most generous hospitality to the delegates. Luncheons were tendered to the members of the conference by civic bodies and clubs each day. There was a reception by the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia at Government House and a dinner in honour of the conference by Dalhousie University.

The conference met in the beautiful new Arts and Science Building on the Studley campus, and the delegates were most comfortably housed in the very charming women's residence, Shirreff Hall. Altogether the meeting of the Universities' Conference this year must be recorded as one of the most successful in the history of this organization. The conference meets next time in London by invitation of the University of Western Ontario.

TIGHTENING UP

Certain recommendations to the Senate at its fourteenth annual meeting last May will be of interest to many graduates, as being indicative of a stiffening up of the standards of the University generally. They may also serve to remind us that the early days had many advantages; not all of us were sturdy pioneers, beset on every side with privation and hard knocks. These recommendations were approved, and are now in effect.

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The Frog Lake Massacre

By A. E. OTTEWELL

On June 10th a monument was unveiled to commemorate one of the tragic events in Western Canada's history. This is known as the Frog Lake Massacre, an incident during the troublesome times of the Saskatchewan Rebellion in 1885.

Frog Lake is a beautiful sheet of water situated about 50 miles in a northwesterly direction from the town of Lloydminster, which is on the boundary line between the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

At the time of the Northwest Rebellion the nearest centre to Frog Lake was Fort Pitt, held by a garrison of mounted police, 35 in number, under the command of Inspector Dickens, a son of the famous novelist.

At Frog Lake there are several Indian Reserves set aside for various bands of Cree Indians. In 1885 there was in that neighborhood a restless band of Indians under the leadership of Chief Big Bear and his son, Wandering Spirit. Big Bear had repeatedly given trouble before this time, and had consistently refused to take treaty in the regular way. He had been in communication with Louis Riel, and is believed to have had some sort of understanding with him. At that time there was at Frog Lake a small community of whites comprising a Hudson Bay Trading post in charge of Mr. Cameron, an Indian Agency for the surrounding reserves under the direction of Mr. Quinn, and a Roman Catholic mission with two priests in charge—Fathers Farfard and Marchand. The missionaries were engaged in building up a community centre which it was intended should include a flour and saw mill. A dam was being built on Frog Creek, the outlet of Frog Lake, and a large water turbine had been freighted with oxen all the way from St. Paul, Minnesota, a distance of over 1,000 miles. Mr. Gowanlock, a millwright, was superintending the erection of the dam and mill.

Some time previous to the outbreak, two Mounted Police, who had been temporarily stationed at Frog Lake as an outpost from Fort Pitt, had been withdrawn to Fort Pitt at the request of Mr. Quinn, who said their presence irritated the Indians. Consequently the little group of white men with their wives at Frog Lake were entirely unprotected. Mr. Quinn was confident that he could keep the Indians quiet, but events proved that he was tragically mistaken. On the morning of Thursday, April 2nd, 1885, early mass was being celebrated in the little mission by the priests. The Indians came surging around and began to make a disturbance. The priests pleaded with them to be quiet, but without result. When the service was dismissed, as the people were walking from the church over to Mr. Delaney's house, which was situated on a knoll a short distance away, the massacre began. There is some difference of opinion as to who was actually the first victim. In the historic accounts there is much confusion. According to a story told the writer by an old resident of Frog Lake district, Mr. Delaney, the farm instructor, was the first victim. It is said there was a personal feud between him and Wandering Spirit, Big Bear's turbulent son. Big Bear himself claimed he was opposed to the massacre, and Mr. Cameron, a Hudson Bay trader and a surviving eye-witness of the affair, says that he heard Big Bear shouting "Stop" after the massacre had begun. However that may be, nine victims in all were cruelly shot down by Indians, including the two priests, one of whom was shot in the back while administering the last rites of the church to Delaney, who was lying mortally wounded. The women were spared, and although hurried up and down through a rough country for several weeks as prisoners of Big Bear's band, they were so well protected by a Mr. Pritchard and other English-speak-

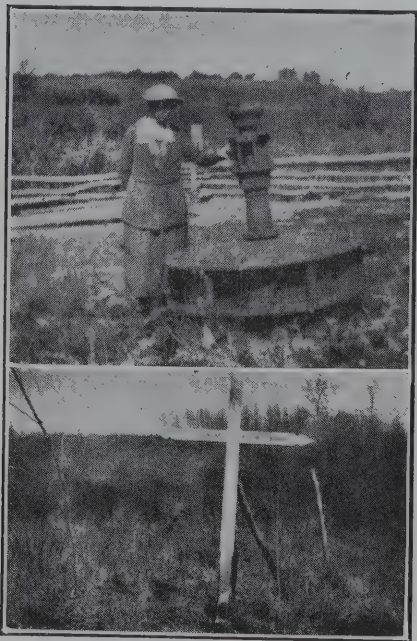
ing half-breeds that they escaped unharmed other than for the incidental hardship suffered.

After the massacre the Indians looted all the supplies at Frog Lake and burnt the little village. The bodies of the victims were thrown into the cellars of the burnt buildings, where they remained for several years. Afterwards, a Sergeant-Major of the North-West Mounted Police had a chart of the ground, and the dead bodies that were located were taken up and reinterred in a little cemetery which is now kept in order by the Mounted Police who are stationed at Onion Lake, some fifteen miles away. The Roman Catholic Church abandoned the Frog Lake mission and also the building of the mill. All that remains to mark the enterprise is the turbine wheel, which still lies by the partially built dam at Frog Creek, some two miles from the scene of the massacre. Where the massacre took place nothing is left except the cellar

holes of the old buildings, the little cemetery, and a few domestic fruit and flower shrubs which have now run wild. There is no building of any sort within a mile or two of the spot, and the locality is shunned by local residents, by whom it is described as "The Massacre Ground."

After the massacre and the sacking of Frog Lake post, the Indians besieged Fort Pitt, garrisoned, as has before been stated, by a small force of Mounted Police and the employees of the Hudson Bay Company. The latter surrendered to the Indians as prisoners, and Inspector Dickens, feeling that it was hopeless to try to hold the Fort, which was really a fort only in name, with the handful of men at his command, constructed scows and as soon as the river was open, floated down to join the other Mounted Police at Battleford. Nearly a month afterward one of the military columns sent to suppress the rebellion, under the command of General Strange, marched from Calgary via Edmonton down the Saskatchewan Valley and succeeded, after a long chase, in capturing a number of Big Bear's band and releasing the prisoners. So far as Big Bear's band was concerned a number of them were tried for the murder of the Frog Lake victims, and on the morning of the 27th November, 1885, eight of them, including Wandering Spirit, chanting their death songs to the last, were hanged at Battleford in the presence of a number of whites and Indians.

Thus ended one of the few tragic chapters in Western Canadian history. Owing to the wisdom and tact of the Hudson Bay Company's officials, and later of the North-West Mounted Police, fortunately there has been very little trouble between whites and Indians in Western Canada. The Saskatchewan Rebellion of 1885, of which the Frog Lake massacre was the most tragic incident, was due to the fact that temporarily the ordinarily tactful management of the Indians and half-breeds was not carried out during the process of surveying the land along the Saskatchewan in preparation for new settlers.



Top: The remains of the turbine at Frog Lake.
Bottom: The grave of a massacre victim..

CONVOCATION

The convocation address this year was given by Sir Frederick Haultain, Chief Justice of Saskatchewan and Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan. Sir Frederick, who has been associated with the public life of the West for the last thirty-seven years, gave an interesting account of the development of the educational system in the Northwest Territories, and showed our debt to the spirit and vision of the pioneers. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon the distinguished speaker.

An interesting ceremony took place when the order, "*Officier de l'Instruction Publique*" was conferred upon Dean W. A. R. Kerr by Monsieur Paul Jenvrin, the French consular agent, acting on behalf of the President of France. This decoration was presented to Dr. Kerr by the French government as a recognition of his active interest and participation in the teaching of the French language.

This fifteenth convocation will be memorable in the history of the University, the first class in medicine, led by a woman in order and scholarship, being presented for degrees. As the President pointed out in his report, the conception of the Medical School came through the needs of the province itself, there being districts all over the country where medical aid was imperative, and yet unavailable.

Eleven medical degrees were granted, and it was not difficult to recall to mind the many men and women, products of the Medical School, now serving Alberta as physicians, who, although without her diploma, are graduates of the University in every sense of the word.

Altogether, this year, two hundred and six degrees and diplomas of various kinds were conferred, and the life of the country ought to benefit greatly by the increasing presence of university men and women.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING ADOPTS A NEW CONSTITUTION

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association took place on May 14 just before the annual banquet. The chief business was to receive the report of the committee appointed last year to revise the constitution in accordance with the wishes of the alumni resident in Calgary. This report had been thoroughly discussed at a general meeting held on May 9, and was therefore accepted with but little comment.

The other item of business was the election of a treasurer, the one elected in the general election being unable to act. Mr. Armour Ford was elected.

The new constitution differs from the old one chiefly by specifying that certain officers shall live in Edmonton and certain others shall not, and by stressing the formation of branches of the Association. The formation of a branch in Edmonton leaves the Council free to attend to the business of the Association as a whole. The Council shall henceforward consist

of "a President, First Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be residents of the City of Edmonton, and a Second Vice-President and a Third Vice-President, who shall not be residents of the said city of Edmonton, and the Presidents of all the branches of the Association."

In order to avoid the necessity of another election this year, provision is made whereby the president, secretary and treasurer elected this spring shall take office under the new constitution, the person elected historian shall become first vice-president, and the one who was elected vice-president, not being a resident of Edmonton, shall become second vice-president, and the third vice-president shall be appointed by the Council.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The following list is as complete as we can make it. It gives some impression of the graduate attainment of Alberta students, and provides food for thought in the light of Dean Kerr's article in this issue.

Ferdy Lehmann has been granted another year of study in Physics at Cambridge.

Len Huskins, who obtained his B.Sc. this year in agricultural research, has been awarded an 1851 Scholarship of two years' duration, to the University of London.

Dixie Pelluet has obtained another scholarship at Bryn Mawr in Biology.

C. K. Johns has been awarded a scholarship for study at MacDonald Agricultural College.

The essay prize of \$1,000 donated by Sir James Aikens, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, for the best essay on the subject, "Canada North of the Fifty-sixth Parallel of Latitude," has been awarded to J. F. K. English. The competition was Dominion wide.

Islwyn Jones has been granted a bursary from the Research Council for further geological study at the University of Toronto.

George Salt is continuing studies at Harvard, on scholarship.


William Martin has been given \$1,000 by the Research Council for further work at the University.

Dudley Pegrum goes to the University of California this fall on a teaching fellowship in economics.

L. B. Bell, '25, has been given a bursary in geology by the Research Council.


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Frederick Stanley Albright.
John Crawford Anglin.
Cyril Keith Aylen.
Girtle Louis Baker.
Herbert Joseph Ball.
John Richard Barker.
Francis Benedict Barnes.
Harvey Taylor Beecroft.
Percy Douglas Sinclair Broad.
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Ralph Milton Gibson.
Maxwell Donald Fraser.
Joseph Albert Gordon.
Charles Alexander Grant.
Pierre-Eugene Guay.
John Ralph Hammond.
Samuel Richard Hosford.
Arthur M. Hummel.
Angus Hutchinson.
Daniel Robertson Knox.
Charles Lane.
George Masson Lavell.
Victor Leese.
William Roberts Lister.
J. W. G. Logan.
Barney Lopston.
Roy Courtenay Lutz.
Norman McArthur.
William Carey McKee.
Lewis Stanley McKeen.
Locksley McKnight.
Percy Byron McNally.
John MacPherson.
John Donald McPherson.
Alexander Robertson McQueen.
John Dalton MacWilliams.
Ronald Hutton Martin.
Edward Frederick W. Maunsell.
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Heber H. Moshier.
Claude Wilson Ritson.
Karl Fletcher Murray.
Frank S. Occomore.
John Parker.
Ernest Howard Parsons.
Frederick Arnott Perraton.
Harold Gordon Riddell.
Claude Wilson Ritson.
Frederick William James Roberts.
Alexander Glasgow Robertson.
Albert Edward Frost Robinson.
John Griffith Russell.
Harold Arthur Skene.
Roy Clarke Steckley.
Thomas Alexander Talbot.
Howard Thomas Taylor.

William James Taylor.
 Andrew Telfer.
 William S. Turner.
 James Robertson Thompson.
 Emery James Van Petten.
 George Edmund Welbourne.
 Clement Beck Wilson.
 James Christian Lawrence Young.
 Percy Young.

THE SENATE ELECTIONS

The following were elected to the Senate by the University graduates, to retire May, 1929:

William Dixon Craig, B.A. (Toronto), LL.B. ('17), lawyer, practising in the firm Woods, Sherry, Macalister and Craig, Edmonton; re-elected to the Senate; past president of the Alumni

Association; treasurer of the newly-constituted Edmonton Branch Association.

James McLaren Nicoll, B.A. ('22), B.Sc. ('24), Engineering Department, C.P.R., Calgary; President of the Calgary Branch Association.

Robert Bruce Wells, M.B. (Toronto '94), eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, practising in Edmonton; re-elected to the Senate.

John Dolson Oliver Mothersill, B.A. ('16), lawyer, member of firm Mothersill and Dyde, practising in Edmonton; re-elected to the Senate; Past President of the Alumni Association; President of the Edmonton Board of Trade.

Oliver Boyd, M.D.C.M. (McGill, '03), physician, practising in Medicine Hat; member of the first Senate, continuing in office until 1919.



TO THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

Professor W. H. Alexander is intending, if the project commends itself to a sufficient number of people, to conduct a small party to the classic sites of Southern Europe in the summer of 1926. It is proposed to visit the principal points of interest from the standpoint of the study of classical antiquity in Greece (including some of the islands), Sicily, and Southern Italy. The trip is planned definitely as a study tour with many informal lectures—but positively no examinations!—on the history and the pre-history of classical civilization, the remains on the sites and the great museum collections serving as laboratory material.

The intention is to keep the party small (from eight to twelve) so that each individual member may receive the maximum benefit from the trip, and also to travel with a minimum of baggage and in the simplest and least expensive way compatible with reasonable comfort. As the proposed trip would of necessity involve some tramping over fairly rugged country, some physical health is a practical pre-requisite.

As there are a great many items which require to be thought out well in advance, Dr. Alexander will be glad to hear at the first possible opportunity from any who might be interested; he will undertake to explain to them in some detail the proposed itinerary and probable scale of expenses. He confesses to a sort of prejudice—not invincible, however—for University of Alberta students and graduates and especially former members of Classics in English 51 or Ancient History 51.

NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

The following is the Executive slate for the Calgary Branch this year:

President—James M. Nicholl.

Vice-President—Miss B. Mitchell.

Secretary—Miss Lillian Cobb.

Treasurer—James R. Davidson.

Membership — J. Mahaffy, chairman;
E. C. Snider; J. MacMillan.

It was not possible to get more news from the Branch in time for this issue,

but the Executive line-up, formidable as it is, is a guarantee that things are moving in the metropolis.

The Edmonton Branch of the Alumni Association has organized, and elected the following officers:

President: Mrs. R. J. Russell.

Vice-President: Mrs. Teviotdale.

Secretary: Alan B. Harvey.

Treasurer: W. Dixon Craig.

Members of Executive: S. C. Morgan, Leone McGregor.

The organization meeting was a great success, and the executive hope to enrol every graduate in Edmonton as a member. The first regular meeting of the branch will be held in October, and while it will be a "regular" meeting, it will not be an ordinary meeting, and all those who fail to attend will spend the rest of their lives in vain regrets.

Fees of \$2.00 (\$1.00 of which goes to the main Association) are now due and payable. Time and money will be saved if every member will send in fees at once to the Treasurer at 316 McLeod Building.

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THE GIFT that Class '25 gave the University is a handsome mahogany clock, which is set above the doorway in Convocation Hall.

A BOULEVARD of trees between 89th and 90th avenues, a new sidewalk in front of the Arts Building, and so we grow!

WE SAW A GOOD PICTURE the other day of the University clinic, on 105th street, Edmonton, which from all accounts is doing fine work. Too much of a good thing isn't possible, and here's hoping for the extension of such valuable service.

DON'T FORGET to tell them you saw their ad in *The Trail*, and while we're on that subject, we should like to pat our ad manager on the back, by way of good feeling. Good work, Walter!

And nary a line of poetry in this issue. It is sad to reflect that as we assume the various kinds of post graduation yokes the world casts upon us, that the imagination suffers—or so it seems. Can no one re-assure us, even in such soul-rending meter as the author of Doodah-doodah Day inflicted upon us?

THE ALUMNI COUNCIL for 1925-26 is the following:

President: J. T. Jones.

1st Vice-Pres.: Miss Margaret Gold.

2nd Vice-Pres.: C. F. Reilly.

3rd Vice-Pres.: A. L. Caldwell.

Secretary: Miss Helen Beny.

Treasurer: F. Armour Ford.

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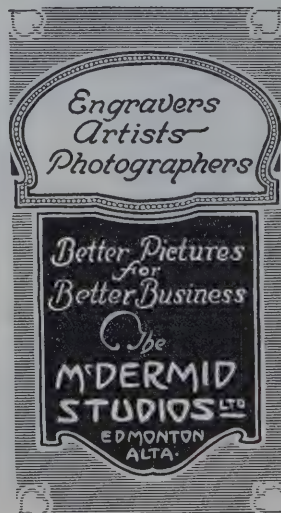
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Sparks from the Treasurer's Anvil

G. W. Reeve, '14, writes from Hong Kong, China, where he is with the Department of Education. He regrets that he has never as yet met any of our graduates over there, but hopes that it will not be long before someone besides himself carries Alberta's banner to that part of the world.

Dr. E. C. McLeod writes from 4873 Ross Street, Vancouver, B.C., as follows: "I am enclosing herewith a money order for \$5.00 as membership fees for the Branch of the University of Alberta Alumni Association organized in this city on March 20th of this year. The following are paid up members to date: Dr. W. F. Seyer, University of B.C.; L. C. Brown, 583 18th Ave. W., Vancouver; R. P. Clark, Royal Financial Corporation, Vancouver; J. E. Jaffray, 1407 Main Street, Vancouver."

Mrs. W. A. Cory, née Miss Gladdis G. Johnson, writes from Brooks, Alberta, where they have recently moved from Medicine Hat.

Harry A. White, Arts '16, Law '17, writes from Mundare, Alberta, where he is still practising law. We quote from his letter his appreciation of "The Trail": "The Trail' No. 12 reached us yesterday, and as usual we checked it over with very little loss of time. It was with some interest that we read the article of George V. Ferguson. Would it not warrant giving him a permanent chair on the Editorial Staff of 'The Trail'? After reading "Doodah" and noting the power of 'The Times,' and on reading the recommendations of Roy Stevens, it strikes us that possibly 'The Trail' could be made 'The Times' of Alberta. (We do not mean to suggest a change in the name, as we recall considerable difficulty in naming this journal.) Still in power and influence among the graduates, could it not be made 'The Times' of Alberta?" Also: "We notice you desire the address of Harry Shankman. We understand it is 216 1st Avenue, S. Great Falls, Montana. J. K. Wilson is practising law at Los Angeles, but his address we have not."

Andrew Cairns writes from the University of Minnesota Farm at St. Paul, where he is with the Department of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Economics.

Miss H. B. Tillotson, '20, writes from 634 5th Ave. W. We though this sounded like Calgary, and found we were correct when she informed us that she was doing Normal practice work there.

A. E. Popple, LL.B., is practising law in Edmonton at 201 McLeod Building. He is also acting as prosecutor of offenders against by-laws for the City of Edmonton.

Miss Dorothy Stafford writes from 603 5th Avenue S., Lethbridge, Alberta, and expresses her appreciation of "The Trail."

John McGuire, '22, is at Ponoka, but not, we are glad to say, as an inmate of the mental hospital. We quote a pleasing paragraph from his letter: "I have a confession to make which is perhaps not news to you. I have not paid my fees for three years. You will no doubt agree with me that it is high time that I gave the matter some attention, so I am enclosing a cheque for \$6.40 to cover the fees and 6 per cent. on the back payments." Another paragraph reads: "I have been out of touch with the old crowd for some time owing to the press of work here. I am just finishing my second year in attempting to lead the local high school to victory, and have not found the work at all unpleasant. Miss D. Koenig is also with us, and is supporting the English and History end of the work."

G. Allen Mail is with the Dominion Experimental Farm for Southern Alberta at Lethbridge, where he is under Professor Strickland in the Entomological Laboratory. The following is an interesting paragraph from his letter: "We are quite a Varsity crowd down here, which makes our spare time pass much more pleasantly than if we were altogether among strangers. Bill Grindley, Wilfred Malaher and Norman Lewis are all working on the Experimental Farm. I am assistant to Professor Strickland, and we are investigating the wire worm problem. I don't know whether you remember Hal Gray, Class '23, I think. He is assistant entomologist at the Laboratory, and I see quite a lot of him. Last Sunday I met Pegrum at church. He is teaching at the High School here. So there are a few here, and if we could rustle up a dozen we thought of forming a Lethbridge Branch of the Alumni Association."

We are indebted to Bert Rudd, whose address is Fort Saskatchewan, for the following bits of news: "I had a letter from Roy Page a few days ago from the West End Y.M.C.A., Toronto. I imagine he is still with Clarkson, Gordon & Dilworth, of Toronto, and says he finds his C.A. course gives him plenty to do. Edna Wallis, B.A. '24, is teaching near Lloydminster, Alberta. She will be attending summer school this year. George Bryan, B.A. '23, LL.B. '25, will be with a Dominion Topographical Survey for the summer under Mr. Knight."

Miss Grace Studholme is at present in Calgary, address 623 22nd Avenue W., where she is enjoying a rest for a few weeks.

Miss Phyllis McBeath is at the Provincial Training School for Mental Deficients at Red Deer. The following from her letter is of interest: "Jean McKittrick and I are trying to teach everything from Grade Eight spelling

to the simplest color naming of kindergarten work. I am not making much use of my Household Economics, but the training of the human mind is much more interesting than concocting salads, I think. Since our arrival Jean and I have run across Mr. Villy, '25, and Helen Robson of about Class '23. They are both teaching in the High School here. We had a welcome visit from the Rev. S. R. Laycock during the last week of May, when he attempted to learn in three days the practical side of all he had known theoretically of Mental deficiency."

E. B. Wilson addresses a letter from the Y.M.C.A. at New Westminster, B.C. We are indebted to him for the following bits of news: "Dr. Julius C. Grimson, Med. '25, and Erny Campbell are in the Vancouver General Hospital. Keith Muir, Sc. '26, and Tommy Walsh are working for the Carter-Hall Construction Company at Vancouver. Hank Gale, Law '25, is holidaying at Cypress Park, Vancouver. Stew Dawson is working on the construction of the C.P.R. pier at Vancouver. Fred Ethridge, Sc. '25, is also in Vancouver. Ted Gowan spent ten days holidaying here, and came out with me via C.P.R. I am in Westminster working for the C.P.R. Bob Mitchell, '25, is driving at Jasper. Greg Thom, Law '24, and Alf Bramley-Moors and Ted Day, both of Law '25, are with the C.N. at Jasper.

W. B. Cromarty is teaching school at Gadsby, Alberta, for the summer.

R. H. C. Page writes a very interesting letter from Toronto, where he resides at 15 Wellington Street West, and is practising as a chartered accountant. We quote from his letter: "I suppose I should give you my impressions of Toronto. The first is the lack of pep in the atmosphere after Sunny Albertan air." The following intimate news of two of our graduates is interesting: "Nifty Adinell had his appendix removed the day after writing his last exam. Marg. Archibald has just got over an attack of the mumps."

Mrs. Irma A. (Polly) Dixon writes from Klamath Falls, Oregon, where her address is Box 562. The letter is written on the business stationery of Gordon Dixon, contractor. We quote from her letter: "Just a word from Polly Dixon, who wishes to send her address from Klamath Falls, Oregon. Despite her duties as Deputy Sheriff at the County Court House, she still finds time for the occasional hikes to the tune of 'Sociability' on the old Alberta uke."

Wm. Melvin Fleming, '19, writes from Summerland, B.C., where he is with the Experimental Farm Station for the Okanagan Valley. He says in part: "I left my position of District Agriculturist at Duncan, B.C., the end of April to take charge of flower and vegetable investigations at this station. Incidentally, I received my degree of M.S.A.

from the University of B.C. this spring, taking my major in horticulture and minor in botany (genetics)."

Dudley Frank Pegrum, B.A. '22, 1201 7th Ave. S., Lethbridge, has been awarded a Teaching Fellowship in the Department of Economics for 1925-26 at the University of California.

Miss Olive Haw, B.A. '25, has received an appointment to the English staff of the University of Alberta.

Dr. R. Sandin, Department of Chemistry, University of Alberta, on his return from Cuba, had tea with Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Sandford in St. Paul. Mrs. Sandford was Miss Muriel Tregillus, B.A. '20, M.A. '22.

Miss Margaret Archibald, B.A. '22, who has spent the past year in post graduate work at the University of Toronto, has taken a position with T. Eaton Co. in Toronto for the summer months, translating French and German.

Miss Elizabeth Andrews, B.Sc. '24, has acted as Assistant Librarian in the Legislative Library at Regina, Saskatchewan, since her graduation a year ago.

Miss Margaret Stanford, B.A. '24, has spent the year on the teaching staff of the Lacombe High School, Lacombe, Alberta. Miss Muriel Gratz, B.A. '24, is also on that staff.

James Nichol has been elected as President of the Calgary Branch of the Alumni Association.

Macdonald Millard, LL.B. '24, is with a law firm in Macleod, Alta.

James MacMillan, B.Sc. '24, is with the Canadian Westinghouse Co., Calgary. His duties carry him over greater part of the province, and give him an opportunity of meeting many members of our Association.

Miss Betty Mitchell, B.Sc. '24, is teaching in Calgary.

Miss Lucille Barker, B.A. '23, expects to spend the month of July in Edmonton. Mr. Ted Kane informs us that this is correct.

E. W. S. Kane is still practising law in Edmonton with Messrs. Short, Cross, McLean & McBride.

Miss Hilda Hobbs, B.A. '24, is with the High School staff at Youngstown Alberta, in the Department of History and English.

J. L. Doughty, B.S.A., '21, is working under Dr. Wyatt at the University of Alberta.

Leslie V. Bell, '25, has just sent in his fees from Mountain Park, Alberta, where he is working on a geological survey for the Dominion Government. I. W. Jones, '22, and G. T. Walters, '25, are on the same party. I. W. Jones spent last winter in the Geology Department of the University of Toronto, and expects to return there in the fall.

Frank Waines, '25, is away with a survey party around Great Slave Lake, and will not be returning till October or November. His address is: c/o Mr. C. H. Blanchet, Dominion Land Surveyor, Fort Smith, Alberta.

John Gaetz, we are told, is in Valhalla (Alberta).

One of the first members of Class '25 to send in his Alumni fees was J. H. Hargrave, and with them he sent a subscription to the Memorial Fund. May he flourish as the bay tree! He is working with a smelting company at Trail, B.C., as operator in the rectifier and smoke-treating plant. "The job," he says, "consists chiefly of seeing that things run O.K.; the things being three motor, generator and rectifier sets and two big motors. Hope to be here till the fall of '26."

Johnny Walker, B.Sc. '24, has just been appointed assistant to the superintendent of the government farm at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, to have particular charge of the horticulture.

Erick Cormack, '25, is cream grading at Acme after putting in the crop on the farm near Tees, where he and Bill Gentleman are in partnership.

Scotty Devlin, '25, is livestock editor of "The Nor'West Farmer," Winnipeg, and is spending most of the summer reporting the fairs throughout the West.

Jack Howe, '25, is grading cream at Grande Prairie.

C. K. Johns, '25, is doing bacteriological work with the E.C.D. in Edmonton. (By the way, did you see the E.C.D. ad in this issue?)

C. C. Kelley, Ag. '25, is at home on the farm at Standard, according to latest reports.

Alf. Leahey, '25, after helping put in the crop at home, went out on a Dominion Land Survey near Westlock. Wilf Backman and George Bryan are on the same party.

Bob Mawdsley went home to put in the crop after graduation, and then went to England for a holiday. He expects to be back in time for harvest.

Charlie Richert, '25, has a position with the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation Co.

Wesley Smith, '25, is acting as weed inspector in the Grande Prairie district for the summer.

L. B. Thomson, '25, has charge of Boys and Girls' Clubs under the Provincial Livestock Commissioner, and has organized clubs at a number of points in the province.

M. L. Wallace ("Red"), '25, is back on the big home farm just outside High River.

Bertie Edgar, Household Ec. '25, has been teaching domestic science in Armstrong, B.C. She will be on the staff of the Olds School of Agriculture next winter.

Dorothy Farnells, '25, is lecturing to the Women's Institute throughout Central Alberta during the summer months.

Esther Prevey and Jean Skene are both taking their pupil dietitian work in Vancouver hospitals this summer.

Walter Herbert, '23, is working with the Canadian Credit Men's Association, and is also the most energetic advertising manager

of "The Trail," a very well known magazine published by the graduates of the N.W.K.U. of A.

Mrs. Max Fife and son are visiting in Edmonton for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Sanford are living in St. Paul, Minn. Their address is 2205 Scudder Street.

Connie Gerrie and Olive Haw are in the Department of Education for the summer.

Dorothy Smith has been appointed to the Edmonton schools teaching staff.

Hazel McIntyre has been appointed instructor in the Department of Household Economics. She is studying at the University of Iowa during the summer.

Fifteen graduates completed their normal training this spring at Calgary. Mrs. H. Simmons, Betty Lawson, Janet Cook, Mary Martin, Helen Armstrong, Aileen Driscoll, Kathleen McNab, Marie McCaffrey, Hugh Teskey, Bill Swift, Eddie White, Orris Turner, Bob Karan, Douglas Gilbert and Douglas Harkness.

Bright Bill Bryan, rotund and smiling, is to be seen on any day, swishing sodas and pounding seidlitz in one of Edmonton's downtown drug shops.

Jean Miller is working in the Extension Department.

Arthur Kemp, '22, who is teaching at the Olds School of Agriculture, E. G. Bayfield, '23, from the Claresholm School, Cecil Tapp, '19, and Ernie Buckingham, '21 (both of whom are in the Dominion Seed Branch, Calgary), were all up at the University in June for the convention of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturalists.

Jack Lehmann, '25, is spending the summer in the Industrial Research labs. at the University.

D. D. Lloyd (D.D.S. Toronto) is writing the New York State examinations this month.

The following graduated from McGill this year: In dentistry, Samuel H. Hardin, and A. D. MacGregor; in medicine, Clara Christie, H. E. Dowling, and F. J. Murphy.

The following graduates are in attendance at the Summer School: F. W. Addison, Mrs. L. A. Bagnall, Eleanor Marion Cato, Arthur C. Francis, Marie G. McCaffary, Geo. M. Miller, Peter R. Miskew, Chas. F. Reilly, Claude H. Robinson, Herbert E. Smith, W. H. Swift, Wesley T. Watts, Wilfrid R. Wees, Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Miss E. S. Dowling, '23, is the author of a valuable article, "The Regional and Seasonal Distribution of Potassium in Plant Tissues," which appeared recently in "Annals of Botany."

"The Trail" has received a little book entitled "Pioneering in the Prairie West," by W. C. Pollard, LL.B. '16. Mr. Pollard is a solicitor in Uxbridge, Ontario.

Miss Ada Anderson has just returned to Edmonton after a year spent in Paris as French government bursary student.

Last March, just too late for "The Trail," there arrived a card from Palo Alta, California, with greetings signed by Elmslie W. Gardiner, J. N. Martin, J. L. Doughty, R. V. McCullough, Lucile Barker, Keith Tester, Marguerite E. Martin (née McLean), and Milton Johnson.

Another card of signatures arrived about the same time from Cambridge, Massachusetts. It reads: "Cambridge Chapter of Alumni Association of the University of Alberta. Second meeting of the Chapter, met for luncheon in honor of the visit of Dr. John A. Allan, on Friday, March 13th, 1925. Those present: B. J. Mair, W. M. Fife, Chas. D. Reid, Bessie D. Bridgeman, Oscar C.

Bridgeman, John A. Allan, A. E. Cameron, Vera M. Fife. Other members of the Chapter are: H. D. McKay, G. Salt."

Miss Helen Beny, who is our secretary again this year, is secretary to Dean Kerr.

J. T. Jones, our president, is still with the Department of English at the University.

F. Armour Ford, our treasurer for this year, is practising law with Messrs. Emery, Newell, Ford & Lindsay, of Edmonton. He will be very glad to hear from the remaining few members from whom he has not yet heard. Kindly address him at "Canada Permanent Building, 10126 100th Street, Edmonton."

Marriages, Births and Deaths

Marriages

Webb — Hunter — At First Presbyterian Manse, Edmonton, on May 15, 1925, Erlmond Hazel, daughter of Mrs. Priscilla Hunter, to Harry R. Webb, '21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Webb.

Smith—Charlesworth—At All Saints Pro-Cathedral, on June 25, 1925, Doris Gert-rude, '24, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Charlesworth, to Sidney Bruce, '19, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home on 90th Avenue, Edmonton.

Werner—Graham—On July 1, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham, 87th Avenue, Edmonton, Marjorie Kathleen Graham, '24, to William Lester, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Werner, of Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Werner will make their home in the Algonquin Apartments.

Law—Carmichael—At Bawlf, on May 6, 1925, Bernice Carmichael, '23, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. Carmichael, to Frank Law, '25.

McAllister—Talbot—At Knox Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, June 23, 1925, Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Talbot, to John Alexander McAllister, '24, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. McAllister, of Mundare. They will make their home at Mundare.

Births

Hamman—On March 5, 1925, at Fort Vermilion, Alberta, to Dr. and Mrs. Harold A. Hamman, a son, Bruce Alfred Lawrence.

McKinney—On May 12, 1925, to Dr. and Mrs. J. Willard McKinney, 482 Gilmore Street, Ottawa, a son, George Norman.

Robb—On June 30, 1925, at Edmonton, to Professor and Mrs. Chas. A. Robb, a son.

Shaner—On June 24, 1925, at Edmonton, to Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Shaner, a daughter, Alma.

Strickland—At the Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, on April 17, 1925, to Professor and Mrs. E. H. Strickland (Alice Fairfield), a daughter, Muriel Elizabeth.

Turner—On May 1, 1925, at Edmonton, to Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Turner, a son, Donald McIntosh.

Wees—On June 4, 1925, at Edmonton, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wees, a daughter, Margarita Josephine.

Death

Hamman—At Peace River Crossing, Alberta, on April 2, 1925, Helen Winnifred Hamman, wife of Dr. Harold A. Hamman.

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THE University memorial to the fallen in the war has at length been completed. The work accomplished by the general committee in charge and its various sub-committees deserves the thanks of the entire University body. The subscription lists to the memorial are in themselves an inspiring record, for the organ stands as a lovely tribute, not merely from the University, but from the Province as a whole.

EVERY age has its catchword. Until the war it was progress that set afire the mind of the western world. But the war has changed all that, and cocksure belief in a linear law of progress has largely disappeared. If there is to be progress, whatever that may be, for catchwords are seldom defined, men and women are beginning to see that the loose explosives of misunderstanding, fear, ignorance, and their ilk will have to be destroyed first. That is the explanation of much of recent social organization; in our half blind ways we are seeking to understand each other a little better.

There is no group more ably equipped to assist in this process of stabilization than that composed of college and university graduates. Perhaps, after all, this is the *raison d'être* of Alumni organization, not merely to keep acquainted, but to stimulate each other in the giving of our best to those about us, whoever they may be.

WHY all this higher learning? What good is a degree anyway? And you know a lot of other questions like that, just as hard to answer. But did you ever

try to set down in black and white just what a university training did give or do for you?

The Trail offers a book prize, to be selected by the editorial committee, for the best criticism of university aims, methods and results. Entries should not be more than five hundred words in length, to be in the hands of the Editor not later than the middle of January.

The French government scholarship given through the University of Alberta for language study in France has been awarded to M. E. Jean-Richard (B.A. 24), lecturer in French at the University of Manitoba. Mr. Jean-Richard left for France in October, and is now at the Sorbonne.

The Writer's Club offers a prize of fifteen dollars for the best short story with Alberta setting, and a prize of ten dollars for the best poem, on any subject received by the secretary before January 15, 1926. The rights of the prize-winning story and poem will remain with the club. The judges are empowered to withhold the prize if they consider that none of the manuscripts are of sufficient merit to warrant an award. The competition is open to members of the student body and Alumni of the University of Alberta.

Manuscripts should be submitted under a pseudonym with identification on a separate sheet. All entries must be sent to the secretary of the Writer's Club at the University of Alberta.

November 11, 1925

On the morning of November 11 the Memorial Organ was presented to the University.

The whole ceremony had the right sort of simplicity. After the singing of *O Canada*, Dr. Tory read a prayer specially written for the day. Chief Justice Harvey then briefly told of the University's part in the war, and called upon the Lieutenant-Governor to unveil the tablet. The tablet's permanent place is to be outside the hall near the doorway. It is wholly plain except for a border of maple leaves. The words on the top are: "These men died in the war. The Organ in Convocation Hall was erected in their memory."

As Chief Justice Harvey slowly read the eighty-two names, I suppose there was no one person in the audience to whom all the names brought clear sharp memories, but probably there was no name on the list but came alive for somebody—Sam Ferguson, tall, loosely built, with his strange half-sad smile; Barney Loptson, easy-going, light-hearted; Karl Murray, a mere slip of a boy; Howard Taylor, a mature, resolute man; and little Turner.

The reading of the names was followed by the two-minute silence. This was fitly ended by the first playing of the organ. The piece was Basil Harwood's *Requiem Aeternum. In Flanders' Fields*, sung by Mr. David Jones, came next, and then two more organ pieces: *Choral in A Minor* by César Franck, and *Largo* from the New World Symphony by Dvorak. The Glee Club then sang, *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*. The programme ended with Elgar's *Imperial March* and the singing of Kipling's *Recessional*.

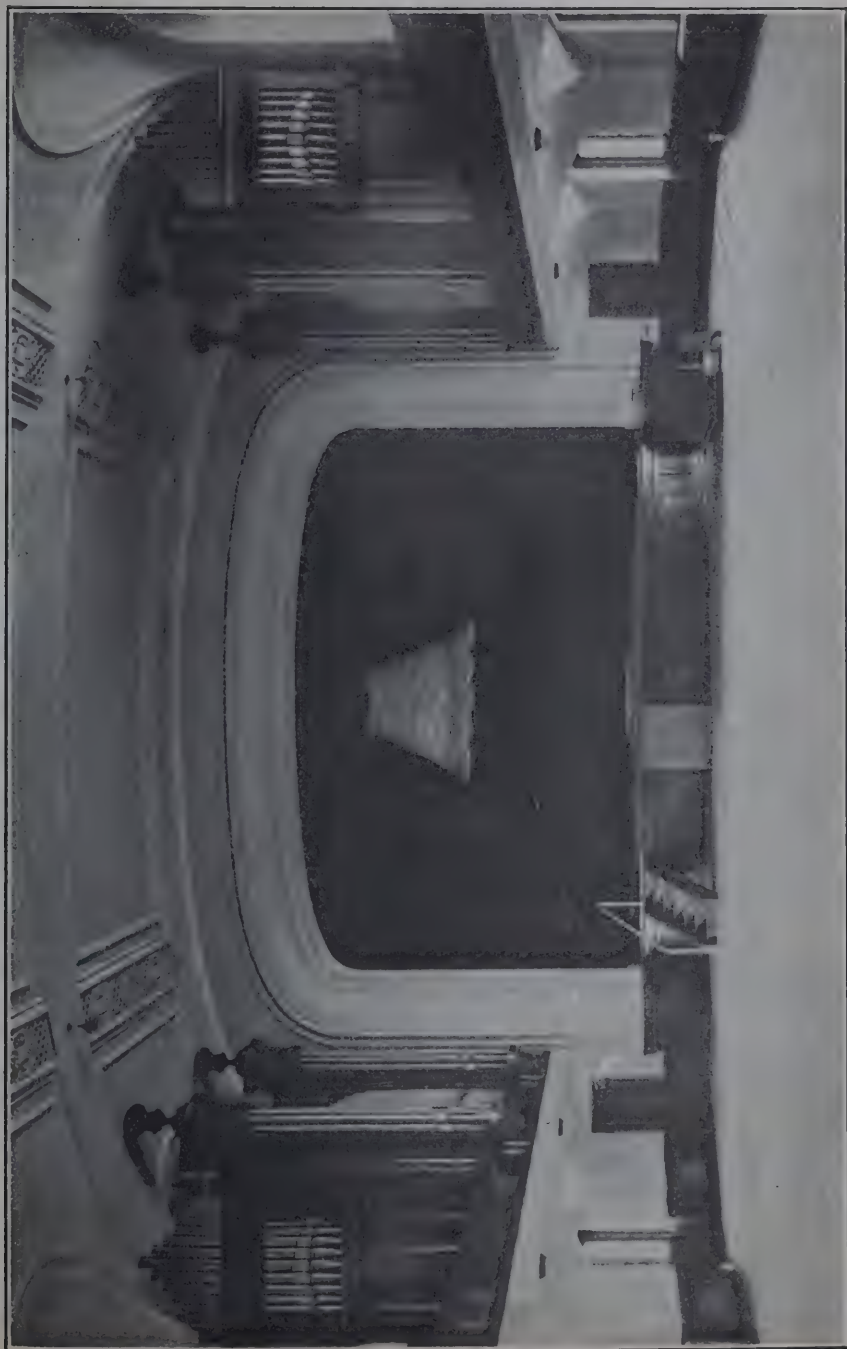
The organist for the day was Mr. Arthur H. Egerton, of Winnipeg.

The organ fills the ends of the gallery flanking the stage. Already it seems as if it had always been there. That it looks so well is due in large measure to Mr. Burgess, who in this, as in so many other things in the past, has worked with his usual quietness and skill.

It is seven years since the guns ceased firing. Our memorial, from one cause and another, has been long delayed: but we have it at last, and, so far as a material thing can be, it is a worthy monument to those who died to save "the sum of things."—R. K. G.

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power.
Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge.
Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing:
All these were honoured in their generations and were the glory of their times.
And some there be, which have no memorial;
Who are buried, as though they had never been.
Their bodies are buried in peace.
But their name liveth for evermore.

—Selected from Ecclesiasticus xlv.



Agricultural Credit

By PRESIDENT TORY.

The following is the first of two informal articles by the President, dealing with his recent investigation for the Canadian Government into the matter of Agricultural Credit. The second article will appear in the next issue, in which Dr. Tory will deal with some of the conclusions he has reached.

It is a little difficult in a short article on Agricultural Credit to give even a general idea of the subject. Perhaps I cannot do better in this article than to give a series of definitions of the technical terms used in connection with the subject, define the different kinds of credit involved, and state the reasons usually assigned for the provision of such credit.

The term, Agricultural Credit, itself is a general term which is used to cover all transactions relating to the financing of agriculture whether for the purpose of capital expenditure or far carrying on current transactions of a business character. In reports which I have recently made to the Government of Canada, I used the title, "Report on Agricultural Credit," as all the other terms, such as rural credit, short term credit, long term credit, intermediate credit, terms used somewhat ambiguously in much of the current literature of the day, really refer to special parts of the main theme.

The term "Rural Credit" is used in both Europe and America in a general sense to include all forms of credit which have to do with the production and distribution of farm crops.

The term "Short Term Credit" has a different meaning in Europe from that which it has in the United States. In Europe it means all forms of credit in relation to agriculture other than mortgage credit and in which the security is personal or easily negotiable collateral. In the United States the term is used generally in reference to ordinary banking transactions of from three to six months. In Canada it is used in the same sense, except in legal documents referring to

Rural Credits where its meaning is the European one. When discussing European methods, therefore, it will be necessary to use the word with the European meaning as comprehensive of the two American terms, "Short Term Credit" and "Intermediate Credit."

The term "Long Term Credit" is everywhere used to mean mortgage credit and in relation to agriculture, farm mortgage credit for terms of five years or over. The only exception is in France, use of the terms, "Long Term Collective Credit" and "Long Term Personal Credit." In France these are banking, not mortgage transactions.

The term "Intermediate Credit" is always used to mean credit for a period longer than the ordinary banking transaction of from three to six months, and yet shorter than the ordinary mortgage term. The period may vary from six months to five years. The security is non-perishable farm commodities or stock security, but is not based on land mortgage. As worked out in the United States, where the term is now official, it is a banking operation, but done through a bank specially regulated to cover the longer term stated above.

The problem which the Rural Credit organizations seek to solve is how to safeguard and promote the economic interest of those engaged in agricultural pursuits, especially by providing them with such facilities for obtaining credit that they may be able to acquire the means of production and to dispose of their produce on such favourable terms as to make farming a profitable enterprise.

One great reason why all countries

have found it necessary to solve in some measure this problem is that agriculture is everywhere regarded as the fundamental industry, which if not prosperous reflects its lack of prosperity on every other national activity. This is especially true of all those countries which seek to become even approximately self-supporting.

In order to make possible the instruments of production to those whose only capital is land, the Long Term or Mortgage Credit systems arose. To make possible the seasonal operations by means of which production and disposal could be profitably undertaken, the Short Term and Intermediate Credit systems came into being.

The aims of the Long Term or Mortgage Credit systems, so far as they relate to agriculture, are:

1. To free the landowner from the necessity of borrowing directly from the individual creditor.

2. To regulate the payment of interest and principal so as to free the borrower from the danger and anxiety associated with demands for repayment under circumstances which made payment impossible.

3. To get rid of usurious rates of interest, putting agriculture in this regard on the same basis as other business equally secure.

From the effort to meet these conditions arose:

1. Land mortgage bonds.

2. Amortization, the repayment of the principal with the interest at a fixed rate over a series of years.

3. Co-operative land mortgage credit, the combining of the security of the many to secure a reduction in the rate of interest.

The reasons advanced in favour of the land mortgage bond are briefly as follows:

1. It makes possible the long term mortgage, otherwise impossible, as the individual money lender would not as a rule

be willing to take a mortgage for a term of fifteen or twenty or thirty years. This can be done by the creation of a corporate body, the Land Bank, whose existence does not terminate with the death of the individual.

2. It places between the lender and the borrower an intermediary whose business it is to safeguard the loan and whose security is unquestioned.

3. It makes a more flexible arrangement for the lender, as his bonds are always available for sale in case of need or as collateral security of a high order, if desired.

4. It makes possible the use of the amortization principle, that is, the repayment of the principal of the debt by means of small annual instalments along with the interest, the payment of principal and interest alike coming out of the annual proceeds of the land.

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mortgage is to be redeemed by production from the land, thus establishing the security on a rational basis. The mortgage is not strictly a real estate mortgage otherwise.

6. It allows that combination of security which makes low rates of interest possible, if correct principles are followed. In so doing it establishes a reasonable limit for a mortgage and thus protects both borrower and lender.

7. If the fixed capital is raised in this way, free from personal or other kind of guarantee, it leaves the total remaining assets of the farmer free as security for his seasonal requirements for immediate production. This can be used with the ordinary bank or through the special banks, at the will of the borrower.

The aims of the Short Term Credit systems as they exist in Europe and the Intermediate Credit system as it exists in the United States are:

1. To give to the agriculturist a credit system suited to the seasonal requirements of his occupation.

2. To secure for him rates of interest for this requirement consistent with the security of his business.

With regard to the first of these aims, it is claimed everywhere by those who advocate such credit systems that the ordinary banks are not organized to meet in a normal way the claims of agriculture. It is not necessary to go over the arguments advanced, as they are quite well known. Briefly, it amounts to this:

The farmer's business does not usually give him a quick return. His period of investment is at least nine months or a year, as he has to await the processes of nature to give him his dividends. He is subject to losses by accident, disease and fluctuations in prices, causes over which he has no control, and which make special financial arrangements necessary often covering a period considerably longer than that required to produce his yearly crop. Short Term Credit of three months

even with the right of renewal is to him both inconvenient and embarrassing, as although renewal may be promised the difficulty in obtaining it is much greater if crop difficulties in the meantime have arisen. Further, the ordinary commercial banks, operated especially to suit commercial and industrial conditions, to a large extent fail to appreciate the position of the farmer, who, because of his inability to meet specific banking practices, finds himself, particularly if he is a small farmer, regarded as an undesirable customer, not because of any fault of his own, but because he is unable to marshal his assets in a manner to satisfy the bank. Hence the claim that a special financial organization with a different purpose from that of the ordinary bank is required.

With regard to the second aim mentioned above, the difficulty to be overcome arises naturally out of the condi-

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tions just stated. If the ordinary commercial bank is incapable of meeting legitimately the farmer's needs, then he must either do without working capital or resort to some other means of obtaining it. To do without renders him helpless, unless he has already acquired a surplus of his own. The only other sources open to him are the private money lender or the local merchant through whom he may buy his supplies. In either case, while credit may be obtained for the length of time required, the cost is very great, often too great in proportion to his productive capacity. The private money lender is often more hard-hearted than the banker, while the local dealer's credit is generally the most expensive of all. The latter usually considers it necessary to protect himself against loss by increasing the price of his goods, if sold on credit or by charging a higher rate of interest, if he advances money.

The Short Term Credit Banks of

Europe, the Intermediate Credit Banks of the United States, and a great variety of state supported financial organizations in other civilized countries have sought to overcome the difficulties stated above by organizing the security of the farmer on a co-operative or semi-co-operative basis in such a way as to make possible credit at reasonable rates of interest for a length of time suited to his needs.

I fear that I have already taken all the space available for this article. I shall just conclude by saying that Canada is the only country in the civilized world which has not taken steps in the direction of meeting the financial needs of agriculture by the organization of special machinery for that purpose.

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A Night at Sea

BY MISS J. MONTGOMERY.

We were sailing in a south-easterly direction off the coast of Mexico. The day had been hot, so hot that we had gladly kept well in the shade of the awnings, and as quiet as possible. Even sundown brought no cooling breezes, and until midnight no one offered to retire to cabins which, on such a night, seemed, in spite of open portholes and electric fans, rather stuffy.

I tossed about for an hour or so, trying first the bed, and then the settee, but sleep refused to come. So at last, I slipped out on deck. There, although there was no wind, there was also no stuffiness, and one could breathe freely. There was no moon, and scarcely a star in the blue-black sky, but along the north-eastern horizon summer lightning was playing fitfully. At first it was confined to the north-east, but gradually it crept farther south, then westward along the southern horizon, then northward again in the west.

When I first went out the flashes came at fairly long intervals, and were like great pencils of light shooting up from the horizon. But after a few minutes they began to come more rapidly and to broaden out into sheets of steely blue. Faster and faster they came until it was hard for the eye to distinguish any interval between them. There was now no thunder, although at first when the tempo was slower, there had been a deep obligato of distant rumblings.

Now the quality of the light began to change. No longer rigid bars of steel blue light, but ripples of pale yellow ran all along the eastern horizon, and up towards the zenith. Imperceptible but rapid was the change. Warmer and warmer grew the colour, deeper and broader the flashes. In what seemed only a few moments, great waves of golden flame were surging across the sky, lighting up the whole surface of the ocean,

which was absolutely smooth and, except for a low swell, motionless. The shoreline could be distinctly seen, and the chain of great peaks behind was clearly silhouetted against the light.

But in a few moments mountains, shore and sea were all forgotten; the intermittent and ineffectual flashes in west and south were unnoticed. Is it possible to hear light, to see sound? Frequently in the Bible, the prophets, at a loss for words in which to describe their experiences, use the expression—"as it were"; "I heard as it were a voice"; "I saw as it were the appearance of a man." So must I use the phrase. I heard, as it were, a light. I saw, as it were, the sound of giant flames crashing one upon another, great pillars of red gold reared in one instant as by a mighty djinn, only the next to come hurling down in splendid ruin. I do not know how long it lasted. It seemed as though I had been watching for a long time, yet had only begun to watch, when suddenly "a door was opened in heaven," a great, golden doorway, guarded above and below and on both sides by huge flaming swords. Within I could see the golden pavements of the heavenly city, resplendent in the marvellous light. I should not have been in the least surprised to see the inhabitants in white robes walking up and down, or winged angels emerging or entering, setting out upon, or returning from some errand of mercy to the earth below.

But even as I stood, awestruck, expecting I knew not what, as suddenly as it had been opened, the door was closed. I had a distinct sense of being left outside, a sense which lasted until the flaming swords which had surrounded the golden door had flashed and flickered and faded away. In the south a few shafts of blue light flashed feebly, but in the east was a black darkness, and all around a great silence. "And in the silence a still small voice."

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E. H. Moss, lecturer in Botany, was granted the Ph.D. degree at Toronto last June.

RHODES SCHOLAR, 1926

The scholar selected to represent the University at Oxford is Clarence S. Campbell (B.A. '24), and the choice is one which has met with wide approval. Mr. Campbell, in addition to brilliant scholarship, has fine executive capacity as witnessed by his handling of the Oxford-Alberta debate last year, and by his work as secretary and president of the Literary Society. He appeared this fall in senior rugby and did sterling work on the championship team, and is not unknown in hockey and baseball. Mr. Campbell goes to Oxford next autumn to continue his studies in law, and will carry with him the best wishes of the University.



CLARENCE S. CAMPBELL

Another international debate is to be held this winter. A British team composed of members from Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh and Dublin universities is touring Canada this winter, reaching Edmonton towards the end of February. The team chosen to represent the

University has been announced to consist of W. Herbert (B.A. '24), C. Campbell (B.A. '24), and J. Manson.

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Thoughts from an Inconsiderable Town

A. L. CALDWELL.

The thing, of course, began with the Editor. He it was who wrote asking for something on "any subject." Therein lay the difficulty. One finds it hard enough to write upon a definite assignment and more difficult to dilate upon a self-chosen theme when none appears to be clamoring for expression. The position is comparable to that of the little Girl Guide. Her troop were holding a reception and she was chosen as one of the two to attend the door. She objected, saying: "How can I receive? I don't know nothing to say." One finds oneself in similar straits. One remembers, too, the Editor, the difficulties of his post and his Scottish determination with regard to matters to which he has set his hand. I recall an instructor

complaining to me that 96 was the least he could give the Editor on one examination. He appeared to make the statement almost as a confession of incompetence on his part, but to me now it comes back as a symbol of the inevitableness of the man's progress. Therefore one is perhaps well advised to comply with his demands when first made. The only thing that occurs to me is conversation, an informal interchange of ideas between you, who have travelled the seven seas, and me, who remain in one corner of Alberta in a town of no great size, doing what comes to my hand to do, and following as best I may the movements of friends and classmates up and down the earth. The two prime functions of this magazine, as I see it,

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should be interchange of ideas and news of our fellows, so I shall do what I can for the cause.

The incidence of the college graduate is yearly becoming more frequent in the less populous centres of Alberta. In and about our small town we have at least nine such in permanent residence. One goes to McGill this fall to take up a difficult piece of research in physics which may conceivably benefit the whole country in the future. It should not be possible for the people of this area to do soon again what they did in 1921, import a rain-maker to furnish that which Nature had omitted to provide in the years immediately preceding. The thought arises in passing that if our forbears had had rain-gauges they might not have had the crops they did. They were content to call .17 of an inch a "good shower" instead of dismissing it with utter contempt, and their "real old soaker" seems much better than our "inch of precipitation." In the case of rainfall ignorance of measurement is indeed bliss. While it may not make for a fuller pocket-book, it at least engenders an easy mind. The strain of hoping for six inches seasonal precipitation when you have had but three can only lead to hypertension.

Among our newer local acquisitions is William Stothers ('24), who coaches the basketball and track teams, startles all and sundry with his catches in deep out-field and dispenses the more or less potent mixtures of the resident physicians. Bill is an excellent example of the varied usefulness of the college graduate, and is, I believe, the only owner of a steel-shafted mid-iron in these parts.

I chanced to be in Calgary last Fall when the local branch of the Alumni Association met at a luncheon to consider the organ scheme as advanced by Mr. Laycock. It was a first-class meeting, good attendance and spirit, but what was surprising to me was the number of people whom I didn't know at all. Charlie Reilly presided as only Charlie can, Kitty Williams was there, Lillian Cobb, Georgie Thompson, Jimmy Davidson, E. C. Snider and W. S. MacDonald, but there

were many who were total strangers. Miss Thompson informed me that she has done little writing of late, which is a pity, as her work was rapidly winning her the place which was her due. She is one of the several who first were emboldened and encouraged by "The Gateway." An interesting and intriguing enquiry would be as to whether "The Gateway" or Doctor Broadus has developed and his editorship of "The Gateway" Sid should have some stories worth telling.

Dr. Frank Fish has lately gone to Medicine Hat to practise. I well remember an occasion on which he went out from residence for Saturday evening and with what zealous care Kirkpatrick, Snider, Archie MacGillivray and others of us transferred his entire furnishings from his room to the hall, hastening that the task might be completed ere he returned. When everything was in order, including the Christmas cake on the table, some the greater number of literary aspirants.

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I feel that the good Doctor should be given credit for H. R. Leaver and certainly, if only through parental example and care, for his son Kemper, incomparably our most authentic voice to date. For the remainder of the score might easily show a balance to the credit of the old sheet for which so many priceless hours were given by past generations.

I observe by the latest news of the Alberta Conference that Sid Bainbridge has changed from preaching to teaching. An appalling contretemps occurred in the case of one of the Bainbridges last winter, though the central figure this time I believe was Joe. In a bonspiel the rink of which he was a member won a prize, and the prize was—a barrel of Calgary beer! The combination of Calgary and beer must have aroused a confirmed Edmontonian and staunch prohibitionist like Joe to drastic action. Sid Bainbridge should be required to contribute to this periodical in some future issue. With his several years before and after the war wag put a sign on the cake, "Aggies do not touch." Then Frank didn't come back till Monday morning! Thus many a good joke goes astray. Speaking of Aggies, I wonder if this will meet the eye of my friend, Tom Brown. If it does I should be interested to have his opinion of the movement to sell or otherwise dispose of Government House at the end of the term of its present incumbent. To me it seems one of the most untimely and inept proposals possible. There is many another economy which might first have engaged the attention of the members, notably among them a decrease in sessional indemnity. Too, our legislators in general might do well to have some training in British tradition and ideas before taking their places. At times our mode of procedure savors entirely too much of that which goes on to the south of us to be entirely acceptable to native-born Canadians.

I seldom think of genuine Canadians without calling to mind Doctor Collip, to whom deserved honours have come thick and fast of late. It is gratifying to those of us who have worked under him

and know his true worth to see that he has at last been given recognition. He is an outstanding example of the pure scientist and staunch Canadian, having steadfastly refused alluring offers from other countries. Such men will be in the long run responsible if we ever develop a national consciousness. It was my good fortune to be in Calgary in 1923 when the Canadian Club of that city had him as their guest, and made him an honorary member. He whom they met to honour was one of the least striking figures of all that assemblage, which filled the main dining-room of the Palliser Hotel, and yet when he rose to speak the gathering gave nothing less than homage to this young man, little more than a boy in appearance, who had helped to bring about one of the major achievements of medical science, an accomplishment whose brilliance they could hardly appreciate, but whose significance had in at least some degree penetrated to them. It was one of the most dramatic hours in the history of the University. Never, I think, could scientist have looked less like those fictional persons who stare into a test-tube and by sheer penetrative quality of glance wring from the contents their innermost secrets.

To understand something of the difficulties which surround research you should read "Arrowsmith," by Sinclair Lewis. It is a good book as such, but as an exposition of the research worker's trials it is a classic. It is rather obvious that the doctor with whom Lewis collaborated was a public health worker and research man, for the most unconvincing parts of the book deal with Arrowsmith's venture into country practise. Somehow it lacks the genuineness of the remainder. He does not get down to the root of the whole thing, which is on the one hand pain and the other fatigue. One goes up and down fighting pain and what Osler called "The Men of Death" in the patient and fatigue in one's self. There is no luxury I can describe comparable to going to sleep after twenty-four or thirty-six hours straight. An epic could be written if one had the gift about faring

forth to battle snow for forty or fifty miles to reach a woman in labor, and then battling back again after she has been given surcease. I have had in mind, too, that one could and should write a tribute to the Nash Brothers of Kenosha, Wisconsin. They put in their motor cars something more than good materials. Apparently they give them a serene and indomitable soul. To hear the basso low-gear roar of my car miles from habitations in deep mid-winter snow and to feel it steadily forge ahead has been one of my most genuine encouragements on many a hard-fought trip.

I had a letter from Roy Stevens not long ago, from South Africa, where he holds forth as Canadian Trade Commissioner. Roy avers that South Africa, even as Southern Alberta, is a land of dry farming and dry farmers. The recently consummated British America trade treaty between Canada and the West Indies was very largely made possible by Roy's work as Commissioner in the

West Indies prior to his transfer to Africa.

The best novel I have read in recent months is Margaret Kennedy's "The Constant Nymph." I can recommend it whole-heartedly. The theme is an unusual one, and while the conclusion appears somewhat abrupt, on second thought it seems none the less inevitable if one who was not the heroine was not to be allowed to claim the reader's sympathy. Miss Kennedy's style is easy and natural, and her vocabulary ample. My own vocabulary received an addition the other day when, in digging around in that excellent periodical, "Foreign Affairs," I was introduced to "solipsistic" by President Masaryk of Czecho-Slovakia in an article on war guilt. I wonder if many of my readers are in the habit of using it where it belongs. The late Bob Edwards once stated that he had tried for years to introduce the word "putative" easily and naturally into conversation or an article, and had signally failed to do so.

During the past fortnight we have had two interesting visitors at our home. The first of these was Charlie Bennet, B.Sc. '23, Sask., now a medical student in Winnipeg. Mr. Bennet had some informative remarks on Winnipeg sports and sportsmanship. Apparently the hockey crowds there can see nothing but their own amateur league, whereas it is Mr. Bennet's reasoned opinion that any of our professional teams could beat the choice of their league without undue effort. He gives much credit to the astute M'sieu Lalonde of Saskatoon for shaping the present trend of style in hockey. The eminent habitant apparently has always one more idea, value one goal, up his sleeve for the inevitable "pinch." The second of our guests was J. O. G. ("Pete") Sanderson, who, to the lay eye, looks the part of a front-rank consulting geologist. Pete tells moving tales of the underlying structure of our Province, particularly with regard to the incidence of volcanic ash, whose presence in Alberta has only recently been made known. He with regard to the probable animal origin also put forward some interesting theories

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of our petroleum, the fact that the natural oil contains cholesterol having been hitherto unknown to me. Pete has spent one year at Yale and expects to have two more. He finds the work good, with very high standards. We had a lengthy talk over old days, during the course of which he related the difficulties that one House Committee had with an intractable youth who was a prominent man's son, the matter ending with the resignation of half of the committee. It is difficult, indeed, for student committees to influence the course of practical politics.

In speaking of student life it is regrettable that the student body in general has not some voice as to the choice of our Rhodes scholars. Those who are in a position to know tell me that late selections have been very satisfactory, but in the past there have been cases wherein contemporary student judgment ran quite counter to the Committee's decisions. Two of the qualifications which are stressed are those of athletic accomplishment and

leadership among the applicant's fellows. For a time it appeared to the interested onlooker as if these clauses had been expunged from the records. Some measure of undergraduate opinion would do a great deal to confirm the soundness of the judgment of the Committee.

I am informed that during the session which has just closed it was the custom of the senior hockey team to hold practises on Sunday afternoons. This is a surprising piece of news. In the earlier days such procedure would not have been possible, and I fail to see the necessity of it now. Sunday sports are common enough throughout the Province without introducing them to the University.

A late number of the "New Outlook" has the news that N. D. MacDonald has been awarded his Ph.D. by the Hartford Seminary. Those who knew N. D. when he was a power in Robertson College will be glad to know of his success.

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and public affairs, you cannot do better than subscribe to the "Canadian Forum." It is edited by a small but talented group, including Professor and Mrs. Fairley. Mrs. Fairley will be remembered as Margaret Keeling. I well recall Professor Fairley's first meeting with the freshman class in Latin literature in the Fall of 1910. He was then newly arrived from England, where fourth formers translate passably on sight, and was unused to Western students and their lamentable dependence on interlinears. At any rate, on the opening morning he turned to the proper page in Cicero and asked the nearest student to translate. A sad quarter of an hour passed before he finally let us go with an admonition to have it prepared for the next period. Even Helen Montgomery, who was the outstanding scholar of Arts '14, had not been dallying with the ablative absolute during the long vacation. Later on, however, the instructor and the class did very well together. Such men as Professor Fairley have made of the "Canadian Forum" an independent, well-written journal dealing purely with Canadian interests. And, by the way, if you wish to read of one who was probably the greatest Canadian, beg, borrow or steal Cushing's "Life of Sir William Osler." Every page of it is delightful, and it recalls in a singularly sympathetic fashion how one of the outstanding minds of the immediately preceding generation lived, worked and grew to where the earth could not show his peer in the wide domain of medicine.

That excellent publication, "Agricultural and Industrial Progress in Canada," had a striking statement in its last issue. It said that the new Courtaulds artificial silk plant at Cornwall would employ five hundred persons, half male and half female. Synthesis, it would seem, has almost reached its apogee in this achievement. It adds a new variety to the list of the Illinois newspaper which once upon a time divided humankind into men, women and professors. And now, while considering sex, which is the sum and substance of many modern novels, perhaps I may be permitted to close with a

variation on the theme. In answer to a question on Kipling's "If" on the recent grade nine examinations, one student shuffled the famous lines, putting two unrelated ones in juxtaposition and evolving as a quotation what is appended below. They embody a hope for a standard of conduct quite unattainable by me, but perhaps not beyond some of my fellow-members. Even if unreachable they make an excellent objective. They are as follows:

"If you can talk with crowds and keep
your virtue
When all about you are losing theirs
and blaming it on you."

If any one of us can do this there would appear still to be a chance that our Province, despite railroads, telephones and University, despite taxes and closed secondary schools, may shine forth as a moral exemplar to her financially more fortunate but relatively uninspired sisters on either side.

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The Editor of The Trail.

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of *The Trail* your editorial on "Immigration" caught my eye particularly. It was certainly provocative of thought, but it is difficult to see the soundness of some of your statements.

Is it correct that the chief difficulty in the United States has been lack of assimilation, as you suggest? Any one who has first-hand knowledge of conditions in the U.S. will readily recognize that the trouble there has turned out to be "super-assimilation." A visitor to the great republic is impressed by the great number of people of foreign extraction. But they are "Americans": the most enthusiastic and devout type. The fact is that it is now a difficult task to find an American of the old stock. They have been absorbed by the tidal wave of Europe. Assimilation is something to be reckoned with in Canada, with our six million Canadians, English and French. It is true, as you point out, that our immigration policy should contemplate assimilation of the newcomers to our land; but it is equally important that we have an appreciation of proportions and be on our guard, lest we become assimilated to a new form of "Canadianism."

You speak especially of the place of the universities in this very desirable process of assimilation. But are you not a trifle hasty? The task of conforming the foreigners to our ideals of life and of government is to be undertaken in the higher institutions of learning is to see "little red schoolhouse." The job of the

that the foreign children are not taught by "little-red school marms."

It is in the small children that we must instil a love for Canada. They must be taught to respect our institutions and revere our flag. They are the ones to whom we must convey the magnificent story of Canada's growth. If they can be made to see their new home-land in perspective, by the time they are in their early 'teens, they will be assimilated. They will become a part of us as we wish Canada always to be—well-informed, high-minded and British.

The universities will have little to do directly with the process of Canadianizing. Students of foreign birth entering our colleges are, as a rule, past the age of assimilability. They are mature, and any change in their outlook will be largely the result of their own endeavors. What the colleges and normal schools can do,

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however, is to properly train and equip teachers and mentors, who will be inspired to carry to the foreign child the message and the practice of real Canadianism.

Trusting that you will not resent this slight criticism.—I am, with all good wishes for *The Trail*,

Yours very truly,
Q.V. '23.

Dear Editor:

With best wishes for "The Trail" I submit the following few remarks in favour of more frequent publication. We should publish at least four times a year, and six times a year would be even better, if it was possible. This is advisable for two reasons: (a) advertising and (b) written contributions.

As to the first, let us look at it from the viewpoint of the contributing advertiser. He will naturally advertise in a magazine which has a wide circulation and is frequently published. He wants his ads to reach as many people as possible, as often as possible. That means a more likely return on his advertising investment and increased business. Candidly speaking I do not consider the present edition which we publish only three times yearly, a sufficient inducement to our advertisers.

The second reason—written contributions—I feel is even more justifiable. The primary function at least of "The Trail" is to act as a connecting link between our Alumni Association and the graduate. The more news there is in "The Trail" about our fellow graduates, and the more often it is received, particularly news from them in the way of articles of any kind, the more value it is to each of us. It should be one of the organs through which our graduates should express their opinions on matters of local, national and international interest. We cannot hope to attain to this at our present rate of publication. A magazine of this description, only published every four months, loses its effect. By the time we receive a new issue we have forgotten about the previous one entirely. There is no continuity. This is essential if it is to be the effective link I speak of. More frequent publication will give new life to "The Trail," and will get us more material. It means more work for the editorial staff, however, and therefore I strongly appeal to all graduates to send in material and to give us constructive criticism and suggestions.—Sincerely,

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house, and an eye to business.) "No, I say, let the girls batch, then the young men of the town won't be pestering other peoples' lives—calling at their front doors." (A remark from a feminine gender who has missed her day.) "I don't know what our town is coming to, with so many of these young upstarts from the University. It is nothing like it was in the good old days when our teachers, doctors, preachers and lawyers were all from old Ontario. Besides, these newcomers all seem to be tarred with the same stick with their new-fangled ideas. I think there ought to be an investigation into our University staff. It's not safe to send our young folks up there, where they teach evolution, higher criticism and what not." (So says another Old Timer of the fair sex.)

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walking down street with Mr. Smith, the lawyer? What right has he to be paying attention to other young ladies, when he has been going out with our Betty's Agnes Mary? I'll run across and see if Mrs. Window-Gazer knows anything about her. Say, Mrs. Window-Gazer, did you see those two going down the street this morning?" "Oh, yes. Our Tom says she's the Chautauqua agent. She attended the University when our young lawyer was a student there."

"It's surprising how clever Dr. Albright is! All the men swear by him! And he goes over to Bow Spring Hospital most every day! The nurses say he's the cleverest surgeon in Alberta. I haven't any use for him myself, for how can he know much when he took most of his training in Alberta. Give me a doctor with an Edinburgh degree, or one who has been trained in France or Germany; there's where they learn medicine right. Then they have a professional finish, too! Look at Dr. Smoothly over at Suave Village." (Another Native who came out from Bruce County fifteen years ago.)

The young minister announces at church on Sunday evening that Prof. A. E. Ottewell, of the University Extension Department, will give his illustrated lecture, entitled "The Development of Man," in the church on Wednesday evening. There are several small meetings held outside the church, at which varied conversations take place. Some belated students vehemently condemn the prospective lecture, because it comes from the University of Alberta, where so many of our young people, who used to attend Sunday school in this town, have lost their faith. Another group, made up chiefly of young men, recall some of the details of the Professor's last lecture on "Habits." The Wednesday evening lecture is fairly well attended, and the thinking element of the audience wait behind to have further discussion on the subject.

At the Parsonage that evening a U. of A. re-union is held, at which each of the periences. The Professor remarks that Grads relates a few of his small town ex-this village is just typical of some hun-

dred or more throughout the province. A happy thought is expressed by one of the girls present: "Would it be possible for our Grads connected with these small towns to combine their abilities and energies in helping to broaden out and disillusion some of our people. Moreover, they could take the lead in helping to provide wholesome means of spending leisure time. A Literary Society might be formed—possibly including a Dramatic Society. A Library, and perhaps a Reading Room, could be opened. A Gymnasium would give great service. A branch of the League of Nations would help extend the people's interests. A short course might be given on Methods of Study to supplement the High School teachers' efforts, and in this way our 'teen age young people might be encouraged to have more interest in their studies than in gadding about the streets. Individual and collective effort on the part of our Grads would do much to improve conditions in our small towns."



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Branch Notes

Mr. Jim Nicoll, who was elected president of the Calgary Branch of the Alumni Association at the last annual meeting, has, due to his absence from Calgary, found it necessary to resign. At a recent meeting of the executive, Mr. E. C. ("Snikey") Snyder was appointed president. Mr. Snyder, who is a graduate in Arts ('21) has always taken a keen interest in the work of Calgary Branch, and the executive feel sure that under his guidance the Calgary Branch will come to life good and plenty.

On the occasion of the last rugby game of the season in Calgary (October 24th), the Calgary Branch of the Alumni Association entertained the U. of A. rugby team at an informal house party, held in the home of Miss Betty Mitchell. After the victory over the Tigers that afternoon the team and alumni threw cares to the four winds and had an evening of fun and frolic. Dancing was the order of the night, but cards were also in evidence.

The Calgary Branch of the Alumni Association is planning a "Varsity Dance" to be held in the Palliser Hotel on Tuesday evening, December 29th. The various committees have already been appointed and are going ahead with their arrangements. Graduates and students of the U. of A. and graduates of other universities are invited. Remember the time and place: December 29th, Hudson's Bay Cafeteria, Calgary.

Ain't it a Grand and Glorious Feeling—to be one of a small band of rooters for the U. of A. rugby team yelling against several hundred Calgarians, and to have the U. of A. team win by a handsome margin. The Varsity rooters in Calgary on October 24th certainly felt that a lot of old scores were evened up that afternoon.

The first meeting of the Edmonton Branch was held at the University on

Saturday, October 17th, and was entirely a business meeting. The Constitution and Rules and Regulations prepared by the Executive Committee were adopted, and a certain number of fees collected by the energetic treasurer. Miss Tena McQueen, '22, was elected Vice-President to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Mrs. Teviotdale. A committee was formed to undertake a further canvass of Edmonton members on behalf of the Memorial Fund. Mr. T. D. Mothersill, '16, was to have spoken on "The Western Route," but owing to the press of business it was necessary to postpone this to some future meeting.

The next meeting is fixed for Saturday, November 21st, and is to take the form of a "party." Francis Dickens, '20, is con-

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vener of the Entertainment Committee, and is busy making plans for this meeting.

Perry Hamilton, Rhodes Scholar for 1922, is back in Edmonton, and carrying on the hunt usual in the case of young lawyers. While away Perry took his B.A. at Oxford with first-class honours in Law, and also passed his English Bar exams.

Another Rhodes Scholar, Bob Lamb, was in Edmonton during the summer, and has gone back for a third year at Oxford. Bob is also reading law.

FIRST RECITAL ON MEMORIAL ORGAN

The first recital on the memorial organ took place on Thursday evening, November 12, with Arthur H. Egerton, F.R.C.O., Mus.Bac., of Grace Church, Winnipeg, at the organ. Owing to limited space, it was decided that only the next-of-kin and subscribers to the fund could attend the recital. The renderings by Mr. Egerton will remain long in the memories of those privileged to hear him, as a fitting consequence to the day, which President Tory adequately described as the greatest in the history of the University. The programme follows:

1. Solemn March *Purcell*
2. Preludio *Rheinberger*
3. (a) Introduction and Allegro in the style of Handel *Wolstenholme*
(b) Musette *Handel*
4. Three Preludes:
(a) Prelude in B Minor *Bach*
(b) The Old Year is Gone *Bach*
(c) Prelude on the tune Veni Emmanuel *Arthur Egerton*
5. (a) Reverie *Strauss*
(b) The Little Shepherd *Debussy*
(c) Arietta *Grieg*
(d) Berceuse *Jarnefelt*
6. Allegro *Widor*

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The Literary Jackpot

As the name suggests, this corner of The Trail will welcome contributions from any graduates concerning things literary. Reviews should not exceed 250 words.

The Constant Nymph, by Margaret Kennedy (Doubleday Page).—*The Constant Nymph* is a cleverly-told tale of a family of musicians, loose in conduct and unstable in character. The cleverness consists in the minute delineation of the instability, and were there some conflict shown in the immoral tendencies there would be some justification for the book's appearance. It reminds us of Wycherley. (H.R.L.)

Arrowsmith, by Sinclair Lewis (Harcourt, Brace).—The book deals with the progress of Martin Arrowsmith, who, starting out with the medical profession in view, finally discovers that his flair is research, and at the end is left happily in pursuit of things biological.

There can be no quarrel with the author for his story. It is gripping and well played. Nor can we doubt that the Gottliebs exist aplenty. But it is doubtful if the Gottliebs and the Loebis are at all representative of Science—at least, we hope they are not. They impress the layman at any rate, as men, guided by a beam of truth narrow and intense, who forget that life is more than laboratory, and that truth is not peculiar to science, any more than it is to poetry or religion.

And so runs our quarrel with Mr. Lewis throughout. Simply that his observation is shallow and uncritical; in seeing much he sees little. We believe Mr. Lewis has much to learn of the critics; if he were here, we should likt to refer him to one, as good as any other, friend Anthony Trollope. (A.J.C.)

Strange how some books are so quotable. The following from *The Interpreter's House* by Struthers Burt (Scribners) is irresistible: "These younger people fell into the simple old divisions, usually forgot. Most of them were vulgar and loud and ugly, but then most of the rest of the world was vulgar and loud and ugly. Whenever the gentle and low-voiced and unselfish began to outnumber the

loud and the vulgar, the majority of problems now so vexatious would automatically be solved."

Isvor—Country of Willows, by Princess Bibesco; translated by Hamish Miles (W. Heinemann, London).—The author of this delightful study of Roumanian peasant life must not be confused with Elizabeth Bibesco, née Asquith. She is a Roumanian by birth. Indeed, the slender thread of the story hangs on the fact that she must choose between a foreign lover or her native land, for in the Country of Willows no foreigner can hold land. She gives herself a year to decide, a year which she devotes to the peasant folk on her own and neighboring estates. The book is really a series of delicate and sympathetic sketches of the customs and traditions of these people.

One remembers, as one reads, that Dacia was the last province to be conquered by the Romans, and that Roumanians today are the descendants of conquerers and conquered. The survival of the pagan spirit of gaiety, and the blending of ancient Roman rites with Christian beliefs and ceremonies, constitute much of the charm of the book. Every Christian festival is made an excuse for abandoning work and indulging in games or mystic rites. On Easter Tuesday there are—"Swings in the village; you will see and hear nothing but swings. They are swinging in memory of Judas hanging himself." While they swing, they chant a quaint little round "which must be as old as the world." The book abounds in such lyrical snatches—strange invocations, prayers, laments. The marriageable girls pray to the sun: "O sacred sun, of the four and forty aureoles—do thou keep four and give me forty! Place thy rays between my eye-lashes. Let me become as the white cherry tree of the mountain, flowering in the forest."

The child-like improvidence of these people, the haunting cadence of their songs, endear them to us as to the prin-

cess herself, who, at the end of the year, writes to her lover: "The soil has taken me, as one day it was bound to do. I have ceased to be myself. I am one with all things, merged and lost within nature herself." (G.H.T.)

Though the identity of L. Adams Beck and E. Barrington have been merged, it is hard to find a point of contact between such stories as *The Treasure of Ho*, by Beck, and *The Ladies*, by Barrington. The former breathes the mystery and romance of the Orient. The latter conjures up the speech, manner, and artificial gaiety of court life in the 18th century. We have extracts from the diary of Pepys' wife, a new version of Stella's story, while Fanny Burney appears as the court blue-stocking.

Fanny Burney has a rôle also in *The Princess Amelia*, by Carola Oman. This is the story of the life and love of the youngest daughter of George III. It gives a sympathetic picture of the farmer king and an intimate view of his court, and though at times it may verge on the senti-

mental, it has a simplicity of theme and style that is refreshing after a diet of sophisticated problem novels.

In *Messer Marco Polo*, by Byrne (Goodchild's, Toronto), we have a mediaeval travel story transmuted through the medium of an Irish imagination and retailed with an Irish brogue. From the cosmopolitan scene in a Venetian wine-shop, the story shifts to the grim desert with its whitening skulls, and on to the garden of the Khan, as fantastic as a Chinese plate, where Golden Bells "sits in the dusk, playing her lute, and singing the song of the Willow branches, which is the saddest love-song in the world. . . ." The story will while away a delightful hour. (G.H.T.)

An attractive little book of special interest to readers of Dickens has just been published in Edmonton, entitled, "*The Mystery of John Jasper*." The author is H. R. Leaver (M.A. '18), instructor in English, McDougall High School, Edmonton, and a member of the editorial committee of *The Trail*.

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BASKETBALL.

An ambitious programme has been drawn up by President Muir of the Basketball Club for this coming season. Besides the regular league games that are called for in the provincial tournament, it is the intention of the club to have three, or possibly four, games before Xmas. One of these games will probably be between the old timers and Varsity, while the remaining games will see one, or possibly two, of the city teams in action against our hoop artists. Later on in the season the basketball team from the University of Saskatchewan will be entertained here in the Inter-University series. Negotiations are also being carried on with coast teams for games during the Xmas vacation. The usual House League basketball series, which has always proved so popular with those not trying out for senior teams will be carried on as well.

With the exception of Syd. Stephens and Greenlees, the senior squad of last year is practically intact, and Coach Jimmie Bill has hopes of turning out another championship team.

TRACK.

For the sixth consecutive time since the inauguration of the event in 1920, Manitoba won premier honors in the Western Intercollegiate track meet by taking a total of 75½ points against Alberta's 41½ and Saskatchewan's 27 points.

The meet was held at Winnipeg on a muddy and snow-covered field that greatly hampered the performance of the competitors. Despite the heavy field, however, three new records were established. Aubrey Bright, the Alberta star, smashed the old shot-put record of 37ft. 2in., by a beautiful heave of 40ft. 2in. He also broke the old hammer record by eight feet with his thrown of 108ft. 6in. Slominski, of Saskatchewan, broke the old javelin record of 142ft. with his new record of 154ft.

The outstanding star of the meet was a newcomer in the ranks of Western Intercollegiate track men by the name of Ball. Running for Manitoba, he obtained first place in the 100, 220 and 400 yard dashes to give him 15 points and the grand aggregate.

Sproule, of Alberta, ran a fine race—the three mile—to beat out Starke, the Saskatchewan favorite, while Werthenbach added 10 points to Alberta's total by winning the 220 hurdles, second in the 120 hurdles and thirds in the 220 dash and broad jump.

RUGBY

Only two teams this season were entered for the Provincial title, the Calgary Tigers, under the direction of Bob Priestley, and Varsity with Jimmie Bill as coach. In two preliminary exhibition games, the Tigers downed Varsity by scores of 34-5 and 5-2. The first game for the title took place at Calgary, Oct. 24, with Varsity confident and Calgary a bit worried as to the outcome. A new system of signals contributed to some extent to the defeat of the Tigers, and it was a happy team that found its way north with the score 19-11 to their credit. The Tigers were stale a bit, and the silent signals, heady work on the part of Woods, the Varsity quarter, and a line that would not be broken, tell the story of a notable victory.

The large gathering of Alumni at the game gave vent to their enthusiasm at the close with an old time snake dance over the field, Jimmie McMillan and Hugh John Macdonald being much in evidence.

The second and final game was played the following Saturday on the University field under perfect weather conditions. For the first six minutes of play the Bengals looked dangerous, making yards on several occasions, in the end scoring a safety touch for two points. Thereafter the game was never in doubt, the final score being Varsity 18, Tigers 4. Add to the flawless team work, perfect condition

and individual brilliance, and the secret of the victory is made plain. To old graduates in attendance it brought back memories of that wonder team of long ago, when Ernie Parsons and his glorious crew won the western title. Being old graduates, the 1925 team wasn't quite as good as the old redoubtables, and no team ever will be, but it is a wonderful team and no mistake. Here is the lineup for the second game: Half-backs, Piper, O'Brien, Campbell, Hill; quarter, Henderson; center, Lawrie; middle wings, Laverty, C. A., Selnes; inside wings, Agnew, Potter; outside wings, MacDonald, Eby; subs, Laverty C. M., Ferguson, McLaren (captain), Woods, McCallum, Bright, McCalla, Pingle.

Inclement weather has prevented the play-off for the western championship this year, much to the disappointment of the University generally. At the moment of writing, however, arrangements are being made for two exhibition games in

Vancouver, one with the University of British Columbia, and the other with the Vancouver all-stars.

HOCKEY.

Of last year's team, MacDonald, Power, Morris, Melnyk, Mutchmor, Runge and Foster are back, and of the freshmen there are two at least, who have reputations for dangerous stick handling. Bill Whittacker will guide the destinies of the team this winter.

BOXING.

The Boxing and Wrestling Club, now a real headliner in University sporting circles, will swing into action during the early part of November. New equipment has been purchased, and with the services of a good instructor, the club should even exceed its last year's splendid record, when it received the highest standing among all the officers training corps in Canada, as well as winning two provincial championships.



Sparks from the Treasurer's Anvil

The engagement is announced of Miss Pauline Lewis, of Edmonton, to Dr. Marshall Mallett, of Mundare, marriage to take place early in December in Calgary.

Since our last issue we have heard from Miss Jean Hope, who gives her address as 1354 10th Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C.

Also from Miss Susan McLennan, who writes from 4711 19th Avenue, N.E. Seattle,

Miss Beatrice Buckley writes from Gleichen, Alberta, where she is working, as she says, at "anything and everything to raise funds for Normal, as I intend to enter in January. My latest adventure has been cooking for threshers to the tune of 'Groans from the crew.'" The following is a quotation from her letter: "I notice a short article in the July issue of the Trail stating that the Alumni Executive was intending to prepare an Alumni reading list to serve as a guide to graduates after they leave the University. Personally I think the idea is a splendid one, for many of us who have graduated dread the possibility of dropping back into our haphazard, pre-Varsity habits of reading, yet are very much puzzled as to just what books to select."

We have also heard from Miss Florence Fleming, who writes from Ponoka, Alta.

Also from T. P. Devlin, who is with the Nor'West Farmer Magazine at Winnipeg.

Dr. E. C. McLeod, Secretary of the Vancouver Branch of the Association has forwarded fees for seven new members who are L. B. Brown, 595 18th Avenue West, J. E. Jaffray, 1407 Main Street; Dr. W. J. Seyer, University of B.C.; G. D. Dawson, c/o Sidney E. Jenkins Co., 837 Hastings Street West; H. C. Jackson, c/o Regal Films, Ltd., 553 Granville Street; E. G. Wallbridge, c/o Campbell Motors, 2000 Granville Street.

We are indebted to a former treasurer, R. T. Hollies, for the following addresses:

Miss Marjorie Walker, 1170 15th Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C.

Miss Jenny Stothers, R.R. 2, Calmar, Alta.

Horace A. Tomlinson, Marlboro, Alta.

Miss Lois Black, Apartment 23, 353 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Calif.

J. W. Howe, Grand Prairie, Alta.

A. J. Scroggie, 108 Rommie Street, Urbana, Ill.

A. A. Fraser, 130 Crafton Street, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Mrs. Sarah O'Connor, O'Reilly, Ont.

Mr. Gordon Malaker is at the School of Agriculture at Vermilion, Alta.

Bill Grindley is with the Department of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota.

Charlie Richert is at the Experimental Farm at Lethbridge.

Ernest Buckingham is with the Dominion Seed Branch at Calgary.

Miss Lucile Barker has returned to her studies in California. Her present address is 208 Escabilla Avenue, South Gate, Paloalto, Calif.

R. J. Whitbread is with the School of Agriculture at Vermilion.

Kimberley, B.C., can boast of a regular U. of A. "gang"—Alec Jackson, Bill Burgess, Frank Marleau, Doug York are all employed by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., Mrs. James Evans (née Helena Kerr) is wife of the United Church minister there, and W. F. Lavasseur is dispensing drugs.

Coleman, Alta., can also boast of a U. of A. gang—H. Wilton-Clark and Bill Jewett are employed by the International Coal and Coke Co.; Ross Powell, Wes. Watts and Jean Stewart are teaching there, Mrs. Frank Graham (née Bessie Fraser) is wife of the postmaster.

W. O. Baldwin (B.Sc. '25) left Calgary recently for Hamilton, Ontario, where he will take the course in electrical engineering for university graduates given by the Canadian Westinghouse Co.

Cliff Underwood (B.Sc. '25) has joined the Canadian Signalling Corps, and is now located at Camp Borden.

Jimmie McMillan ('24) and Max Palmer ('23) were in town for the memorial opening. We are indebted to Jimmie for the Calgary news, and for items regarding some of the engineers—W. E. Symes ('24) and H. B. Labourveau are with the Calgary Power Co., the former at Leebe, Alta., and the latter at Calgary.

Bill Swift ('24) is teaching at Provost, while Johnnie Milne ('24) waves the academic rod at Bellis.

Stuart Jaffray ('21), after three years in Chicago, is back in Edmonton.

J. A. Tames ('25) is now with the Canadian Westinghouse at Hamilton.

W. T. Fanjoy ('24) is at Peterborough with the General Electric.

Mac Millard ('24) was admitted to the bar recently, and is at present in Calgary.

J. Boyce ('25) is at Coleman dispensing things pharmaceutical.

E. W. White, '24, is teaching at Enchant, Alberta.

Edna Wallace, '24, is teaching at Lloydminster.

Sid Bainbridge, '21, is principal of the school in Lamont.

W. A. Kelly, '21, who recently received his Ph.D. degree, is now an instructor in Geology at Princeton.

We had a visit this summer from Charlie Reid, '23. He has now returned to Harvard University.

As you drive down into Bentley, Alberta, you will see a neat little building bearing the sign, "Dr. Henry." That's Bill, '21, and a very busy doctor he is.

Andrew Cairns, '23, who is now studying at the University of Minnesota, was a welcome visitor at the U. of A. early this fall.

L. C. Chadsey, '22, dropped around also a few months ago, and gave us news of a number of former Alberta Meds.

Talking of Meds—Just as we are writing this we hear that Sandy Caldwell and Mrs. Caldwell have come up from Empress to attend the opening of the memorial organ.

T. W. Grindley, B.A. '23, B.Sc. '25, has gone to the University of Minnesota, doing part time teaching and study in agricultural economics.

Vernon Way, M.A. '25, has begun study at Harvard in

J. McMillan (B.Sc. '24) was one of the few to use the blank page in the last issue. He says: "Enclosed please find my contribution to the memorial fund, which is probably the best news I can send you. Sorry I can't make the news larger." Jimmie's address is c/o Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd., Calgary.

Sandy Caldwell (McGill, '21) is still chief medico at Empress. We hope you'll read his pot pourri of good things in this issue.

Have you paid your fees yet?

The engagement of Margaret Shanks (B.A. '24) to J. O. G. Sanderson (B.Sc. '22) was announced in October.

A. D. McGillivray, B.Sc. '21, was seen in these parts recently. He is now superintendent of the Noranda Gold Mine, Rowyn City, Que. We hope A. D. Mac. will remember us.

Roy C. Jackson, B.A. '15, has joined the legal firm of Byers and Hefferman, Edmonton. Abe Miller, LL.B., has gone into partnership with H. M. Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Huskins are in London, England, where C. L. is studying under Professor Gates, at King's College.

Esther Prevey, B.Sc. '25, is a dietician at the General Hospital Vancouver.

Charlie Flack, B.A. '25, is at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., studying library methods.

Margaret Clarke, B.Sc. '25, spent the summer a pupil dietician in the Winnipeg General hospital.

The engagement of Katie McCrimmon, B.A. '17, and Russell Love, B.A. '20, has been announced, the wedding to take place sometime in November.

Flora Moffat, B.A. '24, is attending Brown University, Providence, R.I.

W. A. Jarrett, B.A. '23, and H. R. Luoren, B.A. '23, are studying medicine at McGill. H. W. Crawford, B.A. '24, is studying medicine at Toronto.

Allen Mail, B.S.A. '25, is doing graduate work in entomology at the State College of

Agriculture, Montana.

Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, M.Sc. '12, of Austin, Texas, is, in her phraseology, "doing a little work" at the University of Texas.

The address of Dr. H. E. Dowling is c/o Congress St. Medical and Surgical Clinic, Detroit.

Dick Bryden, B.Sc. '22, is doing some work at the Carnegie Institute of Technology. His address is 130 Grandin St., Crafton, Pittsburg.

C. S. Bissett, B.Com. '25, has been appointed to a junior trade commissionership at Ottawa.

Daphne Koenig, B.A. '22, is, we believe, doing graduate work at Columbia Teachers' College, New York City.

Bill Howson, LL.B. '15, was elected, last September, to the presidency of the Edmonton District Bar Association.

Fred Etheridge, B.Sc. '24, has been working for the B.C. Electric survey at Shalalth on the P.G.E. Railway, 150 miles north of Vancouver.

M. E. Jean-Richard has left the University of Manitoba for a year in Paris, having received a scholarship from the French Government.

Kemper Broadus has learned to blush since he started lecturing to the girls of Barnard College (in affiliation with Columbia).

Gordon Lee, B.A. '24, is continuing his medical course at Toronto.

Charlie Reilly writes to the editor early in September, after returning from Banff: "Snider and I rambled as far as Lake Louise in his old Ford. We had three blow-outs in the first fifteen miles, and managed to make Cochrane on a flat tire. We got fixed up there, and had no trouble after, except that I ran into a truck of Brewster's and bent up our fender rather badly. Red Jamieson was with us for a few days, and managed to let the general populace know we were holidaying."

Harry Shankman, B.A. '22, was seen this summer in Vancouver while en route to Victoria. He and a chum motored from Great Falls, Montana, to the coast. Their trip, according to Harry, was one continuous round of thrilling experiences, including "wine, women and song."

Miss B. Timmons, B.Sc. H.Ec., who has been spending the summer as dietician in the General Hospital, has accepted the position of Domestic Science Instructor in the Vancouver schools for the ensuing year.

W. P. Calhoun, B.A. (Dalhousie), a former student in dentistry at Alberta, spent last year at Portland Dental school. During this summer he has been acting as an assistant to Dr. Gilchrist of this city. Rumor has it that "Kelly" will return to the U. of A. to complete his course.

Marriages and Births

Marriages

Wilson—McIntosh—At Edmonton, on Sept. 7th, 1925, Jeanette Thompson, B.A. '21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntosh, 9722 106th Street, Edmonton, to Dr. Horace Orvil Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson, of Baldwin Park, California. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson have made their home at Spirit River.

Thom—Fisher—At Edmonton, on Oct. 5th, 1925, Florence Edith, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Fisher, to John MacGregor, Thom, LL.B. '24. Mr. and Mrs. Thom have made their home at Jasper Park.

Owen—Gibson—At Edmonton, on Sept. 5th, 1925, Miss Grace Gibson, to Mr. Phillip Owen, B.Com. '24. Mr. and Mrs. Owen have made their home in Edmonton.

Scott—Cowan—At Edmonton, on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, 1925, Katie Sinton, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Cowan, to Dr. Walter Hepburn Scott, elder son of the late Honorable D. L. Scott, Chief Justice of Alberta, and Mrs. Scott. Dr. and Mrs. Scott have made their home in Edmonton.

Cruickshank — Duncan — At Edmonton, on Sept 1st, 1925, Grace, B.A. '20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Duncan, 8520 104th Street, Edmonton, to Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cruickshank, 86th Avenue, Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Cruickshank have made their home in Edmonton.

Baker—Main—At Winnipeg, on July 25th, 1925, Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Main, Battle Bend, Alberta, to Robert Mills Baker, B.Com. '24, Regina. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have made their home in Regina.

Cormack—Villy—At Edmonton, on August 21st, 1925, Barbara Lloyd, B.A. '24,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Villy, to Eric Wyld Cormack, B.Sc. '25, of Tees, Alberta, formerly of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Cormack have made their home at Tees.

Simpkin—Sepulveda—At Rancagua, Chile, on February 22, 1925, Maria Mercedes Sepulveda to Douglas Simpkin, B.Sc. '22.

Webster—Henderson—At New York City, on Thursday, Sept. 3rd, 1925, Alice Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone W. Henderson, to Daniel Alec Webster, B.A. '22.

Lehmann—Murray—At Twickenham, England, Patricia Murray, second daughter of Major and Mrs. Murray, Indian army, to Ferdinand Lehmann, M.Sc. '22, son of Professor and Mrs. Lehmann, the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Liesemer—Bishop—At Calgary, Aug. 26th, 1925, Gwendalyne Bishop to Dr. Eldon Liesemer, Med. '25. Dr. and Mrs. Liesemer have made their home at Innisfail.

Fraser—Eadie—At Edmonton, on Oct. 27th, 1925, Violet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eadie, to Arthur Fraser, B.Sc. '24. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser will make their home at Pittsburg.

Morrow—Perry—At Edmonton, on Nov. 2nd, 1925, Lola May, daughter of Mrs. Anna Perry, Lethbridge, to Dr. Robert Morrow, Med. '25. Dr. and Mrs. Morrow will make their home at Westlock.

Gillespie—Cory—At Trenton, Ont., Sept. 11th, 1925, Ethel Cory, R.N., to Dr. Fulton Gillespie. Dr. and Mrs. Gillespie have made their home at Edmonton.

McColl—Russell—The marriage of Marjorie Russell to Mack B. McColl (B.S.A. '22) took place at Edmonton, Nov. 14.

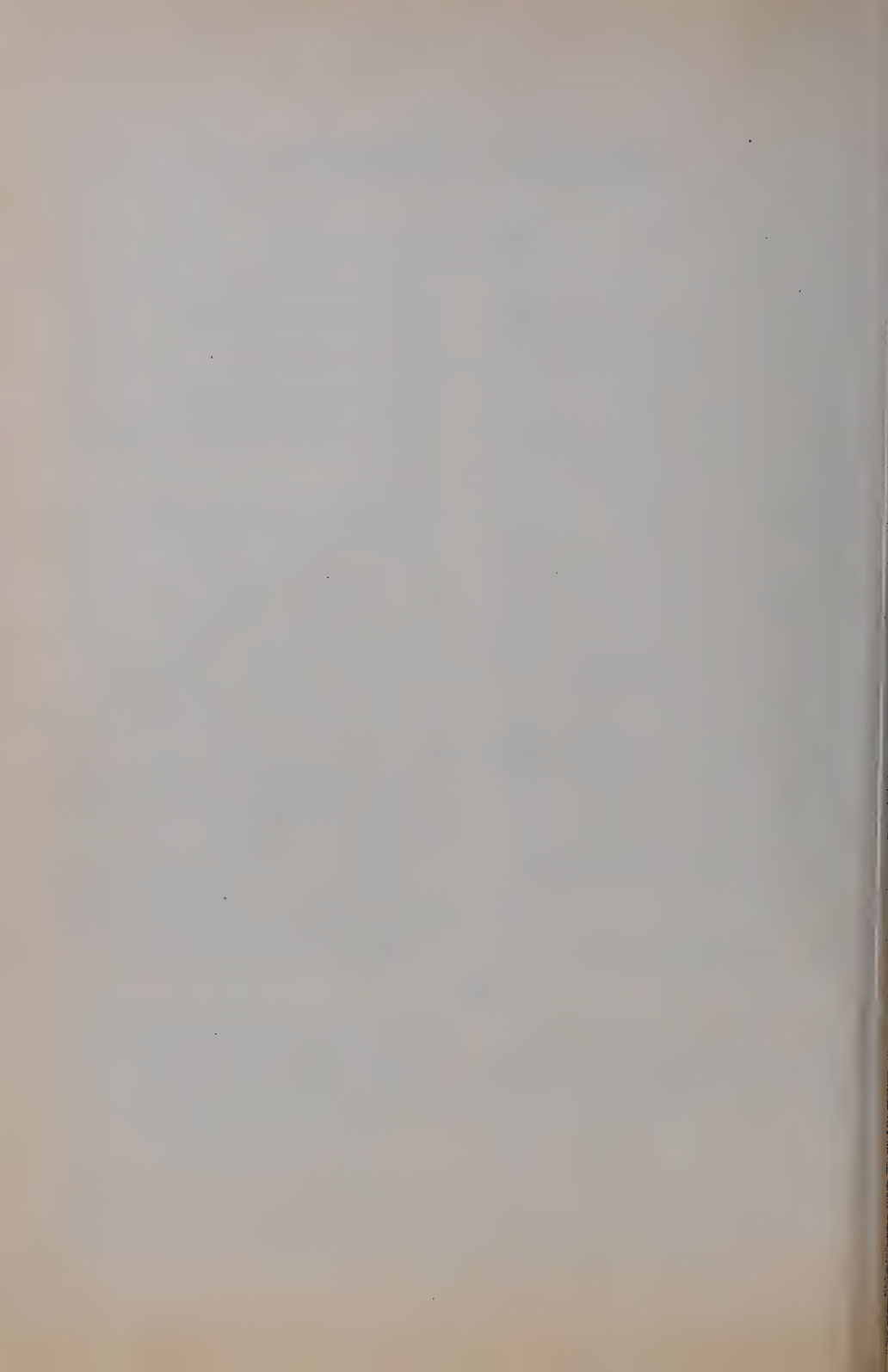
Births

Stanton—At the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, on August 31st, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Stanton, a daughter.

Bridgeman—At Cambridge, Mass., to Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeman (née Bessie Gardiner), a son.

MacLeod—At Edmonton, on July 11th, 1925, to Dr. and Mrs. H. J. MacLeod, twins, Donald Montgomery and Dorothy Montgomery.

White—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry White, November 6, at Mundare, a daughter.





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Elections of the Alumni Association

Nomination forms have been sent to all members in good standing. Members of branches in good standing will receive theirs through the branch secretaries. The forms must be returned not later than March 25 to the Secretary of the Alumni Association, University of Alberta. Attention is called to Section 6 of the Constitution, which reads:

"The Council shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be residents of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, and a Second Vice-President and a Third Vice-President who shall not be residents of the said City of Edmonton, and the Presidents of all the branches of the Association."

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of the Honourable Mr. Justice Stuart, Chancellor of the University. The Chancellor died on Friday, March 5, after a long illness. He was one who by the strength of his character won for the University the confidence of people throughout the province; they knew him to be a just man. We who received our degrees from his hands remember the dignity which his presence gave to an occasion which might easily become merely pompous; it was a dignity that belonged to the simplicity of his manner. The University has suffered a great loss. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Stuart and her sons in their grief. The present number of the Trail having already been printed, we hope in the next issue to give a fuller account of the late Chancellor's work for the University.



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THE TRAIL

(Edmonton, Alberta)

PERHAPS there is no more intriguing thought in our day than that of the possibilities which lie before the application of educational methods. If the freedom of the individual is to be maintained, and the construction of a decent and durable social fabric achieved, then there must be training on an unprecedented scale, and more and more weight will be thrust on our leadership.

Certainly, in particular, the development of so-called higher education, during the past few years, has been phenomenal, and no one can predict what the amazing future holds in store. Traditional methods are in crucible, and out of the welter of criticism and research new conceptions of university training are likely to emerge.

Some idea of the task ahead may be glimpsed in the considered statement of President Tory, made recently, when he declared that Canada, in twenty years, will require the services of one hundred thousand highly trained men. Further, that in the United States, despite its widespread educational effort, there are at the present moment positions aplenty in waiting for such men to fill them.

Which leads us to say that a man or woman is no longer considered a specialist, when a first degree has been secured. Do the Alumni appreciate the significance of this fact? More than enough has been heard of the inability of alumni to secure positions on graduation. But are we alive to the necessity for post-graduate studies in all the professions, business included?

AN interesting discussion is going on in Toronto with regard to University athletics. The trouncing defeat of Toronto Varsity by Queen's, in rugby, has opened up the whole question of professional coaching, and the place of athletics in undergraduate life. In Toronto, at present, there is no professional coaching in football. But the open debate which took place in Hart House in December, revealed an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the professional system, the vote being 166 to 85. We were particularly interested, however, in the complaint of the *Toronto Monthly*, in its January issue: "Last month we published a series of questions dealing with the rugby situation at the University of Toronto, and particularly with the question of the appointment of a professional coach. These questions were reprinted in *The Varsity*, and in one of the city dailies." Further, "during the past month the sporting pages of our newspapers have presented many communications upon the question. . . . But not a single alumnus has felt sufficient interest to let the Editor of *The Monthly* have his opinion."

Which brings us to the burden of our heart. The Alberta graduate responsiveness is equally weak. We can think of several reasons. This co-operation business is still in embryo; we don't know how to work together for common ends. University training at the moment inspires few common loyalties; not enough central fire. Life today is a mélange of distracting activities; the Alumni Association is just one more such. That's cynical a bit, but from a thousand readers, only five

used the sheet specially provided for news last July. Not a single contestant for our little competition announced in the last issue. Not even damned with faint praise. But go on!

GOOD work, Vancouver! Your letter just hit the spot. Its spirit is magnificent. We have taken the liberty of publishing, and we hope your good words will be read and pondered by every graduate. It's a long lead you've given. And the news stuff you sent along! The office dawg, when last seen, was headed southwest. Yes, stub tail and black spot on one eye.

THE announcement of the Canadian Northland Resources Prize, given to the University by J. F. K. English, B.A. '23, is one that will give much pleasure to the graduates. We are certain that the University of Alberta will never suffer from a lack of affection and gratitude, and the spirit represented in the bringing of gifts to our Alma Mater is one to which we can all pay homage.

WHERE are the class secretaries? In the thrilling days of May, when to the magic of the spring is added the fever of convocation, there are plans and plans constructed about future gatherings, and what not; secretaries are appointed with all solemnity and—there seems to be the end of it. Is there no way by which class interest can be maintained? *The Trail* will gladly do its share, but where are the secretaries?

CONVOCATION draws near once again, and already the Alumni Council is considering plans for the event. Let's make it a real, big, live—with plenty other robust adjectives—reunion. But what is your class going to do about it?

IT is gratifying to know that the last issue of *The Trail* almost paid for itself. A word of appreciation is due the advertisers, for their ready response, and our advertising men, Walter Herbert and his able assistant, Max Wershof, for their enterprise and hard work.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

By PRESIDENT TORY

[This is the second article by the President on this subject, based upon his recent report to the Canadian government. A concluding article will appear in the next issue.]

In my previous article, I stated the reasons generally given for special forms of credit in the interests of agriculture. These statements were general and have an application to agriculture wherever practised. I propose in this short paper to state as briefly as I can some of the considerations affecting Canadian agriculture which seem to me to make some form of organized credit in the interests of Canadian agriculture necessary. As these considerations were stated very clearly in the Report made to the Dominion Government last year, I think I cannot do better for the balance of this paper than to quote directly from that report.

(1) It should be stated that the problem which faces the Canadian farmer to day, especially the western farmer, is an entirely different one from that which faced him years ago. During the days of early settlement, the best lands in the country were available free, or if one desired to purchase land privately owned the price was nominal. Land which thirty years ago could be bought for from \$3 to \$5 per acre today costs \$30 to \$50 per acre. In those earlier days the loan companies were not operating except in a very limited way. The chief sources of credit were the implement companies which furnished machinery on favourable terms and the merchants of the towns and villages.

lages who furnished the necessary supplies for living. While living expenses may have been proportionately higher, production costs were low, yields were large and only small capital expenditure was necessary. For many years the low cost of land rendered payments for land a comparatively easy matter. All that is now changed. Events in Canada have followed, as was to be expected, the precedent of the United States in the last century and of all other countries at similar times in their history. It was pointed out in last year's report (page 40) that the financial stress began in the United States with the rise of land values. That was the real cause of the call for cheaper money and especially for long term credit. With high land values, mortgages could not be redeemed in a short term of years out of production, unless as the result of very fortunate circumstances. It was this which gave rise to farm tenancy in the United States. Approximately 40 per cent. of the farmers of the United States are now tenant farmers.

Today, the Canadian farmer is finding himself faced with almost identical conditions, if not quite so exaggerated, with regard to the cost of obtaining and equipping a farm, as those described above. In addition, he finds himself in competition in the markets of the world with countries where complete and ample financial organizations have been created for agricultural purposes. For example, in all the countries of Western Europe capital is obtainable at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent. and current money at similar rates. This has been brought about by special legislation in the interest of agriculture. In the United States, under the Farm Loan Board, the farmer who has reasonable security may obtain money for capital expenditure at a rate of from 5 per cent. to 6 per cent. with somewhat corresponding rates for current moneys. There being as yet in Canada no effective public organization of finance for agriculture, the corresponding rates for the Canadian farmer are from 7 per cent. to 8 per cent. in Eastern Canada and from 8 to 10 per cent. in Western Canada,

except where co-operative organizations backed by local government support secured a better rate. Without question this is a tremendous handicap to the Canadian farmer especially in the western provinces in competing in the world's market.

(2) What has been said about the cost of obtaining and equipping a farm is also true with respect to the cost of the implements of production and many of the essential commodities of life. This is to a large extent because of our geographical position, so far as Western Canada is concerned, and therefore cannot be avoided except to a limited degree. It nevertheless constitutes a decided handicap to Canadian agriculture in competition for world markets, a competition which will be felt more keenly as Europe revives. The extent of this handicap is difficult to determine, but it is respectfully suggested that for Western Canada on most of the implements of production and many essential commodities, it is not less than 10 per cent. on the retail price. Transportation charges alone would account for the goodly portion of that amount.

(3) The distances from the markets of the world also place the western provinces and to a limited degree the eastern provinces also at a great disadvantage. This has been emphasized in recent years by the virtual closing of the American market to all forms of Canadian farm products so that now more than ever Canada must go to the markets of the world. Nor, would it appear, judging by the temper of the American farmer, that there is the slightest hope of the opening of the American market in the near future. The disadvantage of distance is likely therefore to remain for years to come.

(4) It is hardly necessary to point out that as the Canadian farmer depends to a large extent on foreign markets, he must compete in the open markets of the world and therefore can do but little to regulate the prices of his products, while he must do his purchasing in the regulated market. By this is meant, altogether apart from the much discussed question of a protected market, the person from whom the farmer buys can regulate

his prices to a definite basis of profit, while the farmer's only resource is his ability to reduce his production costs. Into this cost of production all the factors just mentioned enter as well as his skill as a farmer. This statement does not apply with the same force to agricultural communities situated near the great centres of industry in Eastern Canada, but even here as there is no competition for the surplus production, and as our surplus is always great, the price except for perishable products is fixed by world conditions. The statement may, therefore, be taken generally for Canada as a whole.

(5) Further, there is without doubt a considerable number of farmers in Canada who, following the urgent advice, given during the war and after its close, to force production, find themselves greatly embarrassed because of debts due to the high cost of production in 1919-20 followed by the great deflation in price. Left to themselves, as matters now stand, nothing but the most fortunate set of circumstances can put them on their feet again. In Great Britain, where a similar after war problem had to be faced, a special Board of Commissioners was set up in 1923 with power to investigate and, when solvency could be shown, to make necessary loans. Mention is made here of this situation because without doubt the number of otherwise good farmers who may yet be forced out of farming, if no relief is found, is considerable.

(6) Much is being said today about keeping young men on the farm, retaining them on the land in our own country. The truth is that except for the men of the hardy pioneering type who are able and willing to venture on the virgin soil of the northern areas in Canada it is almost impossible for men of limited means to get established as farmers. A certain number of course inherit from their fathers, but for the great majority of the young men of this generation it costs more to get established as farmers, in both money and energy, in any of the older settled parts of Canada than to enter upon either industrial or professional careers. Without question Eastern Canada today is losing some of her best

rural human stock, sons and daughters of those who pioneered and made this country what it is, people who brought to the country those simple arts of life which helped them to establish their families and their small communities as social units, because they do not see how they can under present conditions establish themselves in a reasonable time in anything like reasonable comfort. It can be stated without fear of successful contradiction that it is not all the lure of the city and the pleasures of town life that attract our young Canadians to the cities and towns, it is, at least in part, because the occupations offered seem to give a more immediate hope of reasonable prosperity. It is very easy for those living in comparative affluence, to say that young men should do as their fathers did; the truth is their fathers had no alternative offered of the kind offered by the centres of industry today.

What has just been stated applies not only to Eastern Canada but to Western Canada as well. Land within easy reach of transportation must be paid for somehow, and it costs money and energy to secure it. To put the above aspect of the matter on no higher basis than that of personal advantage it is in the interest of every business organization, industrial establishment and financial corporation in this country that a way should be found to offer the young people of Canada such a reasonable chance of success in the country that they will desire to establish themselves as farmers.

(7) Without question the facts already stated have also a definite relation to the ultimate success of any immigration scheme which may be put into operation. Certainly, from an immigration point of view, Canada has great advantages in comparison with other British dominions in at least three particulars. One is her nearness to the centres of the world's population; second, the absence of inferior races already occupying her territory; and, third, the fact that the railways already penetrate into most of the country suitable for settlement. On the other hand, in everyone of the other dominions, immigrants are met with fully

organized settlement schemes by which the thrifty settler may secure financial assistance, on a long term payment basis, making possible from the very beginning the founding of a home. The purpose of such schemes is to make the road to rural settlement as easy as possible, consistent with reasonable security for assistance granted. This is done in recognition of the fact that the permanent settlement of people in the country, the only basis of prosperity in an agricultural country, is always difficult to accomplish and equally difficult to maintain.

The work done under the Soldiers' Settlement Board is the only effort in Canada of a corresponding nature. It need hardly be pointed out that the work of that body would have been much more difficult of accomplishment, if instead of the thirty-year loan at 5 per cent., a five-year loan at 8 per cent. had been substituted.

Considering only the items mentioned above and omitting for the moment the climatic and other natural difficulties, it is suggested that the combination of these handicaps makes the problem of the building up in Canada, and especially in Western Canada, of a successful and contented agricultural community a difficult one. I have discussed the problem with many business men both in the East and in the West, men who know the difficulties associated with the building up of successful business enterprises, and I have not met one who would say that he believed that any business, farming or other, which did not have the advantage of a protected market or of patent rights which in some measure gave a monopoly, could continue to prosper paying 8 per cent. to 10 per cent. for capital and a like amount for current borrowings. With this opinion my own judgment is in complete agreement. The only institutions of which I have knowledge, which have succeeded in so doing, have been the great financial organizations.

Now it is quite clear that in some of the matters mentioned above, it is not possible to exercise control, but it is directly and definitely possible by the better organization of credit to remove

the joint handicap of high interest rates and the short mortgage. There is no hesitation in saying that, if this were done and interest rates reduced to be on a par with competing countries with respect especially to capital expenditure, combining low interest rates with the amortized mortgage, thus removing the chief handicap associated with credit, it would go a long way towards stabilizing agriculture. It is respectfully suggested that this is a matter of such great importance that it should not be approached merely from the standpoint of the relation of the borrower and the lending organizations alone but from the broader standpoint of Canadian prosperity as a whole; for without prosperous agriculture we cannot have a prosperous country.

Before entering into a discussion of possible plans for financing agriculture, I venture the suggestion that what is needed in Canada is a financial institution definitely designed to deal with agricultural problems. Modern science and modern machinery have made agriculture a major business in every country suited to agricultural development. Capital, experience and education, not dreamed of even half a century ago are now required to ensure success. The day of the peasant farmer with his hand-made implements and his home industries is gone forever, at least, in Anglo-Saxon countries. We have passed into what, for want of a better name, may be called the business stage of agriculture. This business can no longer be handled by institutions designed for other purposes and which regard agriculture as a side line. Take, for example, the United States of America. When it is recalled that the average value of the field crops alone for the years 1900 to 1910 was approximately \$8,000,000,000 annually, and that it is now over \$10,000,000,000 annually, one surely understands why it was necessary to reconstruct their thinking with respect to financial methods and why a comprehensive scheme was organized. Previously this financial machinery was concerned mainly with the handling of the products of the farm; the newer financial schemes are now facing definitely the

problem of safely financing production and by using wisdom and knowledge in placing capital, forcing better methods of production. Similar institutions have come in all advanced countries both with regard to mortgage and current business. These institutions have called into their service some of the ablest men in finance, associating with them expert agriculturists, for the purpose of properly directing their energies.

In Canada we have invested in lands under occupation approximately \$2,250,000,000, upon which there is live stock valued at about \$1,000,000,000. In addition, the average crop production for the five years ending 1923 was \$1,230,000,000. It is respectfully suggested that the time has come for the creation of financial organizations which will think in the terms of this industry, aiming specifically and definitely and without excuse to meet its needs, free from the constant lure of other semi-speculative financial activities.

The next article will be devoted to a statement of the method by which it is hoped Agricultural Credit may be established.

THE MEMORIAL ORGAN

Now that the Memorial Organ has been installed in Convocation Hall a definite policy has been established for the use of it. A University organist has been appointed in the person of Mr. L. H. Nichols to play the organ on state occasions and on Sundays. Mr. Nichols is also giving weekly half-hour recitals on Mondays at 4:15 p.m., which are designed to encourage appreciation of organ music.

The Board of Governors of the University has, in addition, appointed a small committee known as the Organ Committee to supervise the organ and to arrange for its use by local organists at recitals to be given monthly on Sunday afternoons at four o'clock. All are invited to any of these recitals and admission is free in connection with the Monday programmes, but a silver collection is taken at the door on Sunday afternoons. This committee is

also on the alert to secure any organists of note from time to time who may be making tours in this part of the country, and arrangements have already been made to have Dr. Ernest McMillan, of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, on the evening of March 1st next. There will be an admission charge at these recitals to defray expenses, and also, if possible, to add to the organ fund, which is not yet complete.



THE UNIVERSITY ORGANIST

The recent appointment by the Board of Governors of L. H. Nichols, of the Dept. of Physics, to the position of University Organist, is one that has met with widespread approval. The University is fortunate in having on its staff such a capable musician, and those acquainted with the task of raising the memorial fund will not soon forget his enthusiasm and consistent hard work.

Mr. Nichols began his musical study under Dr. P. J. Illsley, organist of St. George's Church, in Montreal, under whom he practised for twelve years, act-

ing in the capacity of assistant organist a large percentage of the time. Later, he became organist and choirmaster of Douglas Methodist Church in Montreal. There, and at other churches, he played until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted. At the conclusion of the war, Mr. Nichols returned to Montreal, and then, in the autumn of 1922, came to the University of Alberta as lecturer in Physics. Since

that time he has been organist of Knox Presbyterian Church for almost two years, as well as being a motive force in musical endeavor in the Glee Club and in other Varsity activities.

Alumni news must come from the Alumni. It is so difficult to manufacture.

Help keep the graduates in employment. It's been a bad year for treasurers.

CAMPUS NOTES

A prize has been offered to the University by J. F. K. English, B.A. '23, for an essay dealing with the resources of Northern Canada. The prize will be offered annually, and will be of the value of \$25.00.

The territory of investigation is that lying north of the 55th parallel of latitude, between the west shore of the Hudson's Bay and the Rocky Mountains. The competition is only open to undergraduates of the University, whose work has taken them north of the 55th parallel. The subject of the essay, which is not to exceed 8,000 words, is left to the choice of the competitors, but the material of the essay must, in part, be based on actual observation made in the field. The prize as announced is to be called the Canadian Northland Resources Prize.

The gown has reappeared. After some hectic months, the senior class decided to adopt the traditional garb of the student, and they are now being worn to lectures. Most of us, at one time or another, have argued violently on the question. Many, too, will recall the famous gown that Van Petten wore, consisting of the shoulder piece, and some charred tatters to go on with.

The memorial tablet is now in place in the entrance corridor to Convocation Hall.

Harry Lister is still on the job; a little stouter he is, but the same foot motion prevails. Harry confessed to us this year that he didn't like to stay away from the place very long; he felt it was in his blood. We've heard a deal about Varsity

tradition of late. Harry isn't so old yet, but we rather think he has made a few, and the best one is himself.

The Gateway this year sets a high water-mark in the adventurous history of undergraduate journalism. It is now a six-page weekly, with special supplements, on occasion, and the issues have been uniformly good. The sanctum of the lions is in the south-east corner, first floor Arts, where the extension department in its childhood used to reside, and a whiff of the editorial tobacco fumes is witness to the enthusiasm and travail of the staff. Criticism could easily be made of the undergraduate paper, but *The Trail* is too conscious of its youth, and the difficulties thereof, to attempt such enterprise.

It will be a matter of regret to the graduates to learn that the University Registrar, owing to illness, has been unable to be on duty this year. Mr. Race is at present in Victoria, B.C., under doctor's orders, and will not likely return until next summer. Mail will reach him c/o the University.

Debating is much to the fore these days, and that is a sign of good health. The long looked for international debate is to be held Thursday, February 25, in the Empire theatre, when Alberta debates against a powerful British team, upholding the negative end of the resolution, "That western civilization is becoming a degenerating influence on mankind." The invading debaters are: R. Nunn May, University of Birmingham; T. P. MacDonald, Edinburgh University; Paul Reed, University of London, and A. H.

E. Molson, president of the Oxford Union. Alberta will be represented by J. S. Manson, Agric. '27; C. Campbell, B.A. '24, the latest Rhodes Scholar; and lastly, W. B. Herbert, B.A. '23, of *The Trail* staff. Campbell and Herbert graduate in law this year.

Functionally speaking, the University is very much alive this year. The bewildering panorama of dinners, dances, concerts and meetings fairly leaves the spec-

tator breathless. The main hall of the Arts building is rarely without the tables of the money changers, and the notice boards shout advertisement in all colors. We sometimes wonder!

A covered skating rink, with seating capacity of 1,500, and an ice surface 80 ft. x 180 ft., is a recent and ambitious project of the student body. Plans have been drawn up, and it is expected that means of financing will soon be discovered.

RETROSPECTION

By "COPAIN '22"

It was autumn, and the tourist season was over. In a way, I was very glad of it. There are times when solitude is a boon.

The little village of Villers-Bretonneux had not entirely recovered from past ruinous days. On its outskirts I stopped to look at some brick walls, half demolished, much chipped and dented, surmounting a heap of debris. True, I had never seen that house before, yet few sights could seem more familiar.

I walked about a mile along the little cobble-stone road and paused again. Before me on the left a little wood warmed its autumn tints in the bright morning sunshine; on the right were brown, bare-looking fields; and not far away an old peasant and his family plodded slowly along, stooping continually, and piling the sugar-beets in neat, regular piles. Beyond, in a little enclosure, stood the rows of gleaming white tombstones, one of which I had come to find. Crucifix Corner Cemetery—I read the name on the lithe signboard hanging on the fence.

Behind each row of little wooden crosses, already weatherworn and waiting to be removed, was a trench, in which, slightly leaning, stood the tombstones, soon to stand erect and silent in their ranks. There was J——'s tombstone, with his rank, his name, the number of his battalion and a date, and beneath the brief sentence, "Faithful even unto

Death." I thought of his early successes in life, the hopes of his family before the war, then the eager light in his eye when I saw him last, and the news months later of that last victorious rush and his death-wound. Here was the end of the tale: "Faithful even unto Death."

The care taker was working there alone with his shovel. I encouraged him to talk. He spoke of his recent leave in England and conditions there, then of his work. He was sorry the green grass had to be cut up so badly with the digging, and looked regretfully at the withering flowers on the graves. Ah, well, next year all would be blooming and beautiful. On the large block of polished granite at the end of the cemetery were the words, "Their names shall live forever." I read them and pondered for a while, then turned to look at the peasants and the woods. It was the harvest season — the season of falling leaves.

Passing through Albert, I stopped, of course, to look at the church. Around it the workaday world had effaced the last traces of war, but the quaint old ruin still stood as it was at the end—more battered, more picturesque than when last I saw it. Long ago the famous Leaning Virgin was hurled to destruction, and her tower overthrown; the troops over whom she bent with a parting benediction had gone on to victory, and the tramp of their marching had died

away into silence. Within, the gilt of the inscription "Adoramus" still shone, faint but untarnished, and the fading saints on the walls turned serene faces to the sunshine and the storm.

With memories crowding upon me, I walked along the Albert Baupaume Road. First there was La Boisselle, to us merely a name and a map location, now a village, with nothing but a Nissen hut to add a foreign touch. But on the left was the little mine crater. On the right, too, was the big crater, just the same as ever—but no, not quite the same; on its chalky side stood a sign-board erected by the French government threatening with the penalties of the law of December 31, 1913, anyone who should remove anything, deposit rubbish or in any way deface the scenery.

Then there was Pozières. In our day nothing but a few bare sticks of trees marked its location, though once I caught sight of a little broken brick in the bottom of a shell-hole. Now it was restored apparently brick by brick and house by house, exactly as it was before, like most of the villages in the war area. At the inn a few old soldiers in the employ of the British War Graves Commission, everywhere in evidence, gathered to sing the old songs and toast the good-fellowship of the old days and the prosperity of those to come.

Beyond Pozières stood the old shell-riddled sugar refinery. Courcellette seemed to be restored in its entirety, but beyond it trenches and shell-holes were being filled, and scraps of corrugated iron, barbed wire and equipment lay in little piles and bales on the side of the road.

There are monuments, to be sure. One sees them everywhere. In that district there were the Tank Memorial, the Canadian Memorial, and the Adanac Memorial, all fine monuments. But I was more interested in finding old landmarks and looking over the country, and pre-occupied with memories. There was a particularly vivid one of an evening on the Albert-Baupaume Road when guns thundered and flashed on all sides. The infantry were marching cheerily forward,

singing "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," while on the other side of the road came back a long procession of stretcher-bearers carrying bandaged, blanketed, still figures. Somehow, as I walked along that road again the thought of monuments of stone seemed utterly foreign and incongruous. It is a mere personal prejudice; I know how others appreciate them.

I tramped over Vimy Ridge in the early hours of a dark and rainy morning, and could see very little. At Thelus I asked a passerby the whereabouts of the Canadian Memorial. He said there was a monument of some kind a little farther along the road—he did not know what it represented. I saw its outline, but could not read the inscription, and my time was too short to linger or return.

The view from the top of the ridge and a long tramp through Mount St. Eloi and the country beyond it are for another season. It is most pleasant to return to some of those villages: one receives such a welcome—well, anyone who knows the people can tell you what a welcome they give!

I did not stay long to inspect the famous buildings of Ypres. Few buildings in the process of construction or reconstruction are very inspiring. The Menin Road, too, was being repaired extensively, but the street I followed was entirely restored; little children played on the door-steps, and on the pavement were chalk-marks for a game of hop-scotch or something like it.

Beyond Ypres a short distance along the Zonnebeke Road I came at last to the pill-boxes. Grim survivors of thunderous days! How many scurrying humans found shelter from an awful tempest within their dingy chambers, and departed with no regret. Stout defenders of the Established Order of Things—they always protected with their massive strength the occupants of the hour, whatever the color of their coats. And now behold them friendless, defiant usurpers of the peasants' beet land. "But what can defy Time?" Already their tops were beginning to crumble and spindling grass and weeds fed meagrely on their ruin.

Near a cross-road sat—and doubtless still sits—Tank 36, battered and rusty. Grim monster, creature and symbol, it seems to me, of something primordial in humanity, nay, in the universe—there it squats and dozes. And right on its ugly brown nose was pasted a notice, in ornate Flemish characters, of a Socialist meeting. I smile yet to think of it.

On to Zonnebeke I walked, looking eagerly for our old pill-box. There was nothing I wanted so much as just to stand for a while in that old pill-box. But it was gone, and on its very foundation stood a brick house. A boy who lived there spoke excitedly in mixed French, Flemish and English about what they found there when they returned to build the house. Well, I knew what they found. It was no summer shower that churned the mud round about and swept the road and cracked that pill-box over our heads!

From the central square with the large new church on one side and the municipal hall on the other the village of Passchendaele stretched out along the cobbled roads its long rows of neat brick houses, and looked contentedly settled and prosperous. At first sight, one might think that the most tragic chapter of its past had been completely erased. But behind it there is the cemetery—the largest I had seen—and not far away is the Canadian Garden, where I spent my final hour.

Every tree, every plant in the garden is Canadian, transplanted or grown from Canadian seed, and carefully tended. In the summer it must be beautiful, with the promise of still greater beauty in the years to come. What more fitting memorial could there be than this little bit of Canada blossoming in a foreign land?

Everything in the surroundings there was eloquent of peace. Nearby, the brick-layers were busy on a new house; high above the clustering buildings in the centre of the village rose the church tower, pointing skyward, the peasants bent to their labours in the fertile fields, and all the landscape was warm with the mellow glow of the Flemish sunlight.

But I had to hurry away to catch my train.

MURDER ON THE CAMPUS

It was after midnight. A shot rang out across the cabbage-field behind Athabasca Hall; then another shot and groans and cries for help. Little groups of half-dressed students came from the buildings and made their way to the scene of violence. The snow showed unmistakable marks of a struggle. A torn purse spoke of robbery. Drops of blood marked the tracks of the wounded man, and the murderer's footsteps could be seen clearly in the moonlight leading in the opposite direction.

The detectives noted all this (four of them had come on the scene). This was a desperate case, and so they called out all the police who were on duty. They made a record run. Some of the students were inclined to look on the whole affair as a practical joke. One of them even picked up a handful of red-stained snow and said, "This looks pretty thin for blood, if you ask me." But a detective pooh-poohed the fancy: "It's always thin when it first comes out." Policemen and detectives soon trooped off on the trail of the murdered man.

In the meanwhile, the murderer and his victim were safe in the dormitory. They saw their pursuers trailing off into the bush and over the playing-fields. Then they made their mistake: they gave away the joke. It is said that the police were angry. Somebody has described the event as a hundred per cent. "horse"—on the students, on the police force, and on the jokers themselves. For, it must be known, the two jokers were arraigned before the police magistrate and before the Students' Court. Fortunately, the police magistrate recognized a good joke, and dismissed the prisoners with a warning. The Students' Court dismissed them with stern and solemn reprimands.

Naturally, most of the University was highly amused at the exploit, and pleased at a display of originality which some claimed the students did not possess. Many stories of the eventful night are going the rounds. Even some of the details we have narrated may be legendary, although many say they are true. The

Gateway had some good bits about it, which we reproduce here.

Big Cop: "That's blood, that's blood! Am I right, am I right?"

Bill Gross; "Yes; but if you were a little smaller you'd be awful wrong!"

Bob and Art, to have some fun,
Staged a murder and away they run;
They both ran east, they thought it best,
And the damfool cops, they all run west.

COMMOTION ON THE CAMPUS.

W. H. Cassels.

On Campus when the sun was low,
All bloodless lay the untrodden snow,
And students coming from the show
Were unprepared for tragedy.

But Campus showed another sight,
When shots rang out at dead of night,
And yells and groans caused great af-
fright

To students rousing rapidly.

By match and flashlight fast arrayed,
Police and students, sore dismayed,
To solve the mystery essayed,
With pulses thumping nervously.

Then shook the boys with panic riven;
Then surged the cops by duty driven;
By each and all alarm is given
Of murder at the Varsity.

Detectives on the spot appear
Who think red ink is bloody smear,
With desperado lurking near
To be encountered warily.

Fierce swells their wrath; they will not
fail
This second murderer to nail,
Ere morn they'll have him safe in jail.
This is their opportunity.

But fiercer yet their wrath shall swell.
Two students boldly come and tell
They faked the murder. Faked it well!
Their names shall live in history.

THE PINK LOLLIPOP

By GEORGINA H. THOMSON

It was the last day of school, and Mary Belle had been permitted to dress for the occasion. She wore her best frock of white, with the tucked yoke and the fine embroidery frill, and her very biggest, newest, pink hair-ribbon. Moreover, she had been given a penny to spend on candy, and a penny meant more to Mary Belle than it does to boys and girls today. She walked primly along the board sidewalk with the penny clasped tightly in her hand, for she knew a way that pennies had of rolling away from unwary owners and cunningly disappearing down the cracks of just such sidewalks.

On ordinary days she always took the short-cut through the orchard, and loitered as long as she dared at the swing or the big stone-pile. But today such delights were not in keeping with her

starched dignity. Besides, the holidays were coming when she could swing to her heart's content, or play house with her dolls on the stone-pile, with acorns for cups and saucers.

Halfway to school, she stopped at Chapman's store, and stood on tiptoe to peer into the glass-covered candy counter. After much deliberation, she chose a rose-pink lollipop that lay half-concealed beneath its commoner black, brown and yellow brothers. It was some time before the short-sighted Mr. Chapman could get his eye on her choice, so that she had to run the rest of the way to school, and had time for only a few delicious licks before the bell rang.

She lined up with the others, marked time industriously, and marched down the dim hall to the door where Miss Pringle waited for her flock. The loli-

pop was kept well out of sight, and hastily stuck far back in the desk as soon as she arrived there. Then she sat at attention, eyes front, hands demurely clasped on the desk in front of her, while Miss Pringle explained the afternoon's programme.

They were to have a reading test. The pupils would go in turn to Miss McPherson's room and read the passage selected by her, and their promotion would depend in part on this performance.

A nervous quiver ran down the room. It was common talk that Miss McPherson was cross—not like Miss Pringle, who always smiled and understood and wore flowers in her belt. Flowers and Miss Pringle went naturally together, so that small boys and girls delighted in taking her nose-gays. One little chap, whose mother did not have a garden, had once taken her a bouquet of dandelions, and when the other children laughed, Miss Pringle had smiled and thanked him and worn them all morning.

Now, she said, she would read them stories while the test was going on. As the classes were all over for the term, the children need not return to the room after they had read, but might go directly home, and she hoped they would all have a happy holiday. The children smiled back and chanted politely, "Thank you, Miss Pringle."

Then, at a sign from the teacher, the first little girl in the row by the door rose and tiptoed anxiously out, and Miss Pringle began a story. As the story went on, the audience kept getting smaller and smaller, like the ten little nigger boys, Mary Belle thought.

At last her turn came, and she clutched her reader and tiptoed out as the others had done. Miss McPherson sat at the door of her room so that she could keep her eye on her own class, who were writing an examination. Mary Belle sighed with relief when she found that she was to read in the hall and not in front of a strange class, and she fairly beamed when Miss McPherson chose for the test, "What does little birdie say—". It was a favorite lesson, and she forgot

all about being nervous. Miss McPherson smiled and did not seem a bit cross. When it was all over, Mary Belle started gaily for home, thrilled by the thought that the long-looked-for holidays had come at last.

As she passed Chapman's store, a horrid thought struck her—"The pink lollipop!" It was still reposing in the dark recesses of her desk. She couldn't, she simply couldn't leave it there all through the holidays. She retraced her steps slowly. She did not like to disturb the class to get in. She must wait till they had all gone.

She watched them leave one by one. Now, she thought, they must all be gone, but she would wait a little while to make sure.

On the other side of the door, Miss Pringle stood and faced the empty seats. How very still the room was! Yesterday the constant stir and scraping of feet and occasional whisper had annoyed her. Now, a strange loneliness came over her, and a great longing to see the children back in their accustomed places. Next term they would go on to the next room and never give her a second thought. How glad they had all been to get away! That was natural, of course, but what a dreary business it was, always staying behind and saying goodbye while others went on. She wondered if they cared at all. If only one of them would come back to say goodbye!

The door squeaked, and Miss Pringle hastily wiped her eyes. Then she saw Mary Belle, and she felt that her wish was answered. The child advanced timidly, and Miss Pringle went to meet her.

"You did come back!" she cried with an almost fierce tenderness. Mary Belle looked up wonderingly; teacher had been crying. How funny to cry when the holidays were just beginning! Mary Belle knew only one remedy for tears. She lifted her face to Miss Pringle's, put her arms around her neck, and gave her a good hug and kiss. The woman caught her to her almost hungrily, and in that moment the loneliness and bitter sense of

futility dropped from her. She had her reward.

Mary Belle did not understand what it was all about, but she felt dimly that it was not a time to mention lollipops. When Miss Pringle released her, she withdrew shyly and turned to go. Then Miss Pringle had an inspiration. "Wait a minute," she cried. She felt hastily in her purse and drew out a silver coin. "Here is something to buy candy with," she said.

Mary Belle stared with round, incredulous eyes, gasped her thanks, and hurried off to Chapman's store. A few days later, the janitor swept the pink lollipop into the wastepaper basket.

SAINT JOAN

H. R. LEAVER

Bernard Shaw's play, *St. Joan*, which was presented to Edmonton audiences last week, demonstrates the truth that the world is but an oyster. The opening of this particular bivalve has revealed the pearl uncorrupted by time. Our modern consciousness condemns the ecclesiastic intolerance as well as the feudal political necessity which brought about such a catastrophe, but these are essential, or we lost sight of the pearl.

One's impressions of the play are not single, isolated thrills; in fact, they are not impressions, nor experiences, for the consciousness does not pose in a detached sort of way and ponder on accompaniments which trail along in the shadow of mental life. The play is life itself. You find yourself fighting Joan's cause with the squire, with the Dauphin, with the captain. You discover yourself railing at the hierarchy for their crass stupidity at the Trial. You hear the voices of your own particular saints. Life bubbles up as at the Pool of Bethesda, and you are hilarious at the opportunity offered you to step down from the highway of industry and let this fountain of inspiration bathe your being.

Shaw's limitation is his refusal to lower his head to the level of the Pool. You feel something of the tremendous as at Oedipus Tyrannus or at Macbeth, but there is Shaw stalking through your play and

you want to order him off. There is greatness in the scene, but the workman is discovered at the side. There is the spirited march of dialogue, but Shaw carries the drum at the head.

After personal recollection, Joan is fading in distinctness of outline. She is becoming a voice only. Warwick is stupendous. He is so essentially feudal, so English, so debonair, so detached from the whirl of the proceedings. That wave of the hand and that hurry of accent at the end of the speeches are but fringes, yet they indicate the pattern.

Critics have mentioned Shaw's name in the same breath with Shakespeare's. They claim that the greater the reality the less the rhetoric. We have yet to learn from the dramatic purist where that society lives which has divorced from its mental habitations, poesy and dreams and their concomitants, rhetoric and figure. Realism in drama may go hand in hand with imitation, but the neglect of the poetic excellences is a neglect of the greater phenomena of life.

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THE LITERARY JACKPOT

The Mystery of John Jasper, by H. R. Leaver (Capital City Press, Edmonton).—Every now and then we have a Dickens revival. In each new generation of readers his name is a rallying point for little coteries of enthusiasts, where the problems of his style, his originals, his personality, are discussed afresh. One of the most intriguing of these problems is his unfinished story, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," which is the basis of Mr. Leaver's book of narrative verse.

Two things seem clearly to point to this production as a long-cherished aspiration; first, one cannot write blank verse with the ease and suppleness which Mr. Leaver displays in this volume without a long apprenticeship; and next, one cannot obtain merely by research and study that close keen intimacy with the characters and setting of such a theme which we find in numerous descriptive details in these pages, and which give an air of earnestness and actuality to the narrative. One feels that the author has written with his "eye on the object," at least so far as the setting and characterisation are concerned. Many of us have doubtless similar aspirations, but very seldom have any of our alumni been able to bring their efforts to the stage of publication. Mr. Leaver has been fortunate enough to achieve this, and many of our readers will join in the congratulations we offer him on *The Mystery of John Jasper*.

The theme is Mr. Leaver's solution to the problem of Dickens' unfinished tale. The treatment of the mystery is sufficiently documented in a prose introduction in which the title of the present tale is thus successfully justified: "By placing the confession of John Jasper at the beginning, the mystery of Edwin Drood is solved, but with its solution the greater mystery of John Jasper in particular, and crime in general, is thrust forward for the imagination to dwell upon." The interest of the story as here related will be enhanced by acquaintance with the attempts of Robertson Nicoll, Andrew Lang and John Forster to identify the murderer of Edwin Drood. Mr. Leaver, weighing all the evidence, has decided for himself that John Jasper did the dark

deed, and has given us the story as he imagines Dickens meant to end it. He makes the main characters of the story—Jasper, Sapsea, Rosa, The Minor Canon and the others—tell the tale each from a different standpoint in the light of the discovered crime, so that by piecing together the various narratives we get the whole story of the murder of Edwin Drood.

Apart from this derivative interest, Mr. Leaver's simple tale of love and jealousy has intrinsic pathos. The story is treated in a direct and unaffected style, and the use of blank verse produces a certain "elevation of the subject." The author's early aspirations and his well-known musical talent have stood him in good stead in the management of this exacting form of expression. It is seldom that his rhythmic sense is dull, the lines (as has been stated above) have ease and suppleness, and occasionally there occur such finely-phrased passages as

budding Spring upon the Kentish hills,

Fresh with the scent of purple violets;
Or as the music of the summer breeze
When apple blossoms lightly fall to earth.

We trust that the author of *The Mystery of John Jasper* will be sufficiently encouraged by the reception of this publication to make another adventure into this region. The production of work of this kind is necessarily very rare in the west, and it is gratifying to note that our local newspaper has recently expressed in a handsome tribute to Mr. Leaver's book the value of such work to the University and the community. We gladly contribute to such expressions of appreciation, and look forward to further achievements of authorship by this talented alumnus of our University.—J.A.

Myrtle, by Stephen Hudson (Constable & Co.), has been hailed by enthusiastic reviewers as an outstanding example of the impressionistic novel. Upon one reader at least the impression was nil. The character of *Myrtle* simply doesn't emerge. This may, of course, be due to the reader's antiquated mental processes.—G.H.T.

The Rector of Wyck, by May Sinclair, is agreed by most readers to be a pessimistic book. To the orthodox, the rector is a failure because he failed to "save" even his own family; to the unorthodox because he dedicated his really fine abilities to the service of unappreciative villagers, isolating himself and his wife from the world of letters and ideas, gradually relinquishing even the hope of a trip to the continent which might have relieved their hopeless provincialism. Would it be an unwarranted liberty to suppose that the author had in mind rather the "apparent" failures of whom Browning so often writes, who could say even in the face of defeat:

"What I aspired to be,

And was not, comforts me."

The sermon which the rector left unfinished, says the same thing in a different way.—G.H.T.

The Life of Sir William Osler, by Harvey Cushing (Oxford).—This biography comes from a rather surprising source, the pen of perhaps the foremost brain surgeon of the world. Nevertheless it is well done. One reviewer indeed has hailed it as the best biography of the year in English. The author himself does not appear. As far as possible he lets his subject tell his own story by letters and excerpts from his writings. The intervals and the background he fills in for us in a singularly happy manner. The story is that of a boy with a brain and a power of original thought and investigation, whose feet were set aright by three teachers. He was born at a time in the progress of medicine when talents such as his were needed. He spent years in preparation and then had to secure his first clinical post by the dangerous expedient of taking over a ward full of smallpox patients whom no one else wanted. In the end the medical earth was his and the plums thereof. There was hardly a major university in North America or Great Britain which did not at some time bid for his services. His sources of power were professional supremacy, a kindly heart coupled with an unfailing memory for people, sympathy and encouragement

for his juniors, genuine interest in the betterment of medical training and public health—and a brother with love and a long purse. It is not every advocate of good works who has the outstanding Canadian banker of the day as his admirer, brother and header of subscription lists. His vocations were teaching, pathology and public health, his avocation that of bibliophile. In every one he excelled. All in all, perhaps the greatest Canadian to date. One can promise without reserve that you will enjoy this work if you read it.—A.L.C.

Portrait of a Man With Red Hair, by Hugh Walpole (Macmillan). — Hugh Walpole's characters always live, but seldom does one meet one so vividly drawn as is Crispin, the central figure in this book. He is a man who is obsessed by an evil spirit, which finds pleasure only in the inflicting of physical pain upon others. What is unusual in this last book of Mr. Walpole's is that with this fine characterization is combined a story as exciting as any "shilling shocker." It is all, as the author admits, wildly improbable, but as he also says, why not? It is a most readable story, though by no means a pleasant one.—A.B.H.

The Farthing Spinster, by Catherine Dodd (Jarrolds).—Miss Jellis Farthing, in the early days of the nineteenth century, came upon an old manuscript dealing with the fortunes of her family in the reign of Henry VII. This document contained the following words: "Therefore lett no femail chylde of a Farthyngge take the accursed name of Jellis, for if shee do, surelie will misfortune attende her. Never will shee gaine a spouse, but end her days a lonelie spinster." This is the Farthing curse, and the book traces the histories of three successive holders of the name, each one being compelled, through some unfortunate combination of circumstances, to demonstrate the truth of the prophecy. The book opens in 1789, and closes during the post-war period of the twentieth century. It is a quiet story, in no sense exciting, but most pleasantly told.—A.B.H.

VARSITY ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

Prospects in basketball this year loom much brighter than last. It is generally conceded that with the experience gained last year and the hard training under Coach Jimmie Bill, the team shows more finish and aggressiveness. Several new recruits have bucked their way into the senior lineup, and in all games so far have certainly shown good form. The defense of this year's team is much improved, and will certainly prove stumbling blocks to the 49th Battalion's ambitions.

The Northern Division, which originally comprised three teams, has been cut to two, the 101st Fusiliers dropping out after two decisive defeats by Varsity. This leaves the 49th Battalion and Varsity to battle it out in a series of three games to decide who is to meet Raymond for the Provincial title. One exhibition game was staged between Varsity and the 49th, in which Varsity was defeated by a small margin. This defeat only served to make the Varsity team work harder, and in their tilt with Saskatchewan University team they emerged victors after one of the fastest games in inter-varsity history. This win, we hope, will give to Alberta the Western inter-varsity title, but will not be definitely decided until Saskatchewan has played Manitoba.

The team this year comprises: Husband (captain), Muir, Brynildsen, Galbraith, O'Brien, McLaren, McCallum, Gowda, Stoner and Ridpath.

HOCKEY

The present season finds the green and gold hockey squad maintaining the high standards set by the teams in previous years.

At the time of writing Varsity is fighting the Yeomen for second place in the senior league, the Superiors being indisputably at the top of the ladder.

A feature of Varsity teams in the past has been fighting spirit, and this has not

been wanting this year. The team is as follows: MacDonald (captain), Morris, Power, Taylor, Boyle, Melnyk, Mutchmor, Levell, Waterbury and Shore; coach, Dr. Hardy; manager, W. Whittaker.

BOXING AND WRESTLING

The Boxing and Wrestling Club is carrying on its good work of previous years, but with even greater success. Pres. Barker has at present about forty exponents of the art of self-defence working out tri-weekly, and some twenty wrestlers hard at work. The club has been fortunate this year in being able to acquire the services of very capable instructors in the persons of Ernie McCabe, army champion, and Dr. Dodds, who is a wrestler of some repute.

In the tournament held on February 11th, some very promising material pre-

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sented itself in the persons of Donald Brown, lightweight; Laurie, heavy-weight; Barker, middle and light heavy-weight. The wrestlers who displayed excellent form were Mihalcheon, Švekla and Hill.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Another season for University women's athletics is nearly over, and it is with a certain amount of pride that we review the year's activities.

The season opened last fall with the annual tennis tournament, the winners of this meeting the representatives of the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon. After hard-fought games our representatives went down to defeat in the contest for inter-varsity honors.

The able coaching of the basketball team is certainly manifest in the splendid brand of basketball served to the fans on the Varsity floor this year. The girls were defeated by the Grads in the pro-

vincial series, but more success awaited them in the inter-varsity series. They met the U. of M. girls in a two-game series at Winnipeg, and won both keenly contested games, and had the honor of bringing back to Alberta the Race cup, emblematic of the inter-varsity championship. At Brandon and Calgary they took their opponents into camp by very high scores.

Hockey, too, has come in for its share of wins. The provincial league series is not yet complete, but out of the three games played, Varsity won two. In the inter-varsity series the Manitoba girls, on their visit here, failed to notch a winning counter against our goalie—and in the overtime play the game resulted in a draw, as it did last year.

Whatever success has attended the efforts of our girls' teams this year, we believe to be in large measure due to the able coaching of Mr. Bill and Mr. Henderson.

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The suggestions made by Mr. F. A. Rudd in the last issue were taken up by the committee, and it is likely that beginning with next fall *The Trail* will be issued as a quarterly, appearing between the months of October and June. Such a policy can be adopted only with adequate support. The difficulty does not lie with the advertisers, but with the individual graduates. Can we count on graduate support? The Vancouver answer is encouraging.

Vancouver, B.C.,
Dec. 18, 1925.

Editor, *The Trail*,

Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Sir,—Members of the Vancouver Board of the Alumni Association have expressed a desire to help our paper, *The Trail*. Those of us who have been receiving it in the past, look forward to the coming of each issue.

The suggestion has been made to me that we obtain permission from you to undertake to furnish the material for a section of the paper. Just how many pages can be handled remains to be seen, but I would suggest, as a start, two or three pages. This material to be gathered and sent to you in time for each publication.

If this meets with your approval, will you please forward to me information of use to an editorial board.

We realize the amount of work placed on the shoulders of yourself and your staff in the editing of this paper, and we feel that by taking a section we may be of assistance to you.

Yours very truly,
LÉO. B. BROWN.

Sinyang, Honan,

January 6, 1925.

Dear Mr. Treasurer:

Herewith \$6.00, which ought to keep us supplied with *Trails* for some time to come. We are anticipating a furlough in about two years, and it's quite likely that we shall hand you our next renewal in person. For after getting home, one of the first pleasures we have promised ourselves is to re-visit the old haunts and perchance spy out a few "familiar faces."

Does anything ever happen out here in this country? Westerners who know nothing of the East are prone to speak of it as slow-moving. But the East, as we have learned to know it these four years, is anything but slow. Indeed, things move with such bewildering speed that we stand agape and grope about for explanation, and find it very hard to adjust ourselves. For anything that touches the thoughts and feelings of the Chinese people also touches the missionary. The

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shifting current of events carries us with it.

True, much of the motion is only commotion, and we know not whither it tends. Both destructive and constructive forces are at work. Changes both progressive and retrogressive are taking place. Governments rise and fall. Military leaders, self-appointed and self-seeking, squabble for power. The men in highest positions are least to be trusted, bribing and taking bribes. Robbers harry the country folk and capture towns and cities at will. A Bolshevik government holds sway in Canton. More than one university is a hot-bed of Bolshevism. "Bolshefied" students forsake their books and lecture halls to make propaganda war against the "capitalistic" foreigner in their midst. And we missionaries are also put in this category. Indeed, we are the advance agents of the Imperialistic West, whose one and only aim is to rob and oppress. Yes, things move in China, and excitement is so much a part of our daily life and work, that I'm afraid life in Alberta would seem intolerably tame to our jaded senses.

Especially has this last year been replete with thrills. War all about us, student strikes and demonstrations and what not have given us more than one tense and anxious moment. Following the shooting affair in Shanghai the students have been riding high on a tidal wave of patriotic passion. "Away with foreign commercial interests!" "Away with unequal treaties and extraterritorial rights!" "Away with foreign-controlled mission schools and the foreigners' religion!" "China for the Chinese!" Such is the battle-cry of young China.

And we who live and work among these young men and have learned to know them somewhat and to appreciate their difficulties in adjusting themselves to the new thoughts and ideals surging in upon them—we are the last to blame them when excess of zeal leads to open and violent antagonism of all that is not Chinese. Our sympathy is all with the students in their struggle to free China from the handicaps that western nations have in many cases brought upon her in their selfish

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scramble for commercial advantage and military supremacy. One of the encouraging signs in the present situation is the willingness of the foreign delegates to the Tariff Conference to concede China's right to control her own affairs. We hope it marks the beginning of an era of mutual friendliness and trust between the West and the East. As Westerners have been the aggressors in the past, so they must be the conciliators now.

That relations between the East and West have not been strained to the breaking point on countless occasions is due in large part to Christian missionaries. The impact of the commercial and militaristic sides of Western civilization has been softened by the frankly unselfish character of those who have conducted the Christian missionary enterprise. Now the large majority of intelligent Chinese, whether Christian or not, draw a sharp distinction between these two elements of the Western world. They recognize that

missionaries are not to be held accountable for acts of force on the part of foreign governments. But what an indictment, nevertheless, against Christians for failing to Christianize the international impacts of so-called Christian nations! An indictment and a challenge!

But whatever we may say about the failure of Christianity in the West, it has put a leaven into Chinese life that is making for individual and national integrity and righteousness.

Wishing the Alumni Association a year of success and progress.

"PALMER ANDERSON."

Fresh significance is given to the content of Mr. Anderson's letter in the news item, Edmonton Journal, Feb. 16, to the effect that Mr. Nilsson, Lutheran missionary at Sinyang, had been "accidentally killed" in riots after the capture of the town by Chinese military forces.

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BRANCH NOTES

Calgary Branch

The Calgary branch took advantage of Professor Burt's presence in the city on Nov. 27, and a dinner was held in his honor at the Tea Kettle Inn. After dinner, Professor Burt, introduced by Miss Lillian Cobb, spoke to the members on the pertinent subject, "Is Canada Worth While?" The problems of our national future were presented in a graphic fashion, and the forty odd guests present showed their appreciation of the speaker's skill and knowledge in no uncertain manner.

The annual Varsity dance under the auspices of the Calgary Branch was held on Dec. 29th. The scene of the festivities was the Hudson's Bay Cafeteria, Calgary, which was decorated so that the room appeared like a marquee, having sides and roof of green and gold streamers, which,

together with the green and gold lights, gave a very pleasing and artistic effect.

Previous to the dance some of the members had been rehearsing old songs and preparing new ones. At the dance sheets with these songs were distributed, and between dances songs were sung and cheers cheered under the leadership of Mr. Ross Douglas. A quartette, composed of Ross Douglas, Bill Williams, Mac Millard and James McMillan, "rendered" a special number, supposed to be a song—not by request. No one has yet discovered what all the noise was about.

The dance was attended by almost two hundred graduates, undergraduates and friends.

The success of the evening was due generally to the willingness and co-operation shown by the members of the various committees, and especially to Ross Douglas and Mac Millard, who gave their time and services unsparingly. Incidentally, the dance was financially successful.

The Varsity Women's basketball team, fresh from victory in the east, with the Race cup in their possession, stopped off to dinner with the graduates en route for Edmonton. It was a happy affair, and it is to be hoped that it will be an annual event, girls, cup, and all.

There are eight graduates attending Calgary Normal school this session: Bea Buckley, Florence Fleming, Eleanor Matthews, Reva Studholme, Mary Willison, Ted Walters, L. A. Walker and Bert Rudd.

Hank Gale, LL.B. '25, is in town; articulated at law with A. L. Smith Co., and boxing instructor at the Y.M.C.A. He prefers the gloves to night clerking in Vancouver hotels.

Homer Lebourveau, B.Sc. '24, is with the Utilities Board. Still embarrassed about things; gave his address to the reporter on the back of a furniture dealer's card! Mrs. Lebourveau's (nee Ardis Cain, B.Sc. '22) sister, Pauline Cain, B.A. '19, is teaching at Olds.

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Dunc. McNeil, B.A. '25, is working in the Legal Dept. C.P.R., and is kept considerably busy.

Maimie Silverthorn, B.A. '25, is a member of the Calgary Public Library staff.

Fred Young, M.A. '25, is teaching math. at the Institute of Technology. Fred has changed some, so they say; a new pipe, and a new brand; but still the same Sussex smile.

Betty Lawson, B.Sc. '25, is dietitian at the Y.W.C.A.

Lola Scott, B.Sc. '23, is with the McDermid Drug Co.

Edmonton Branch

The regular monthly meeting of the Edmonton Branch of the Alumni Association of the University of Alberta was held Saturday, Jan. 23, 1926, in the Lounge, Athabasca Hall, with Mrs. R. J. Russell in the chair. His Honour Lieutenant Governor Egbert and Mr. J. D. O. Mothersill were guests of the branch. His Honour told of his pleasure at being present and how he hoped to become acquainted with all the members of the branch. Mr. Mothersill was the speaker of the afternoon, and gave a very interesting and enlightening examination of the much talked-of "Western Route."

The speaker explained in a lucid manner the development of the Western route and showed how it involves a radical adjustment of transportation rates not only between Alberta and British Columbia, but to some extent throughout the whole transportation system from Halifax to Vancouver. The possibilities of the western route have been realized for many years. And it might have remained undeveloped for many years more had it not been for the abnormal conditions brought about by the war. At the end of the war the country found itself in the depths of depression; and in order to solve the many difficulties that faced the people every avenue of escape was explored. In the great changes which took place, such as the creation of the wheat pools, the question of transportation was forced to the

forefront, and the Western route became a very important question indeed.

When the C.P.R. was completed, Vancouver was a small town, the middle-western provinces were sparsely populated or not populated at all, and there was no big business on either side of the Rockies to scrutinize rate structures. The result was that a rate structure was laid down imposing a mountain differential rate, i.e., a rate higher through the mountains than on the plains. When traffic commenced to develop, the watershed of traffic was not established midway between east and west, but on a line falling north and south at a point west of the cities of

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With the completion of the Panama Canal and the growth of Vancouver into an important seaport, the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan first began an aggressive support of the western route. With the construction of two additional transcontinental lines, it was thought that the cost of transportation west would be greatly reduced owing to the lower grades. But the same differential rate existing on the C.P.R. was imposed on the new roads and an artificial barrier created. The present problem is to break it down.

The speaker dealt in an impartial manner with the justifications and condemnations offered by the parties concerned regarding the mountain differential. The Crows Nest Act was briefly explained; and many of those present first received light on an Act which has caused considerable discussion and dispute in parliament and throughout the whole of the Dominion. This Act has had an important bearing on the development of the western route. Much has been done to get a reduction in rates over the western route, but the fight is not yet finished.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Mothersill effectively answered a number of questions asked him; and the members present felt that they had at last been enlightened far enough to allow them to grasp to some degree at least the significance of the western route.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Mothersill on his very excellent and profitable address.

Vancouver Branch

Editorial Committee: Editor, R. P. Clarke; Associates, L. B. Brown, W. S. Budd, J. E. Jaffary, E. C. McLeod.

Early in December, 1924, Leo Brown, E. Annes and W. F. Seyer were sitting by the fireside chatting about the old days at the U. of A., when someone remarked on the number of boys who were making their homes in Vancouver. It was suggested that they start a local branch of the Alumni Association, and as it was conceded to be highly desirable to have such an organization, a list was prepared of the boys then known to reside in the city. On the following day they got in touch with the ones on the list, and through them learned the whereabouts of several others in the city.

On December 18th, 1924, a re-union banquet was held at the University Club for the purpose of organizing. About a dozen U. of A. men were present, and

after a short discussion they proceeded to elect the following officers: Leo Brown, President; E. Annes, Vice-President; J. E. Jaffary, Secretary, and E. C. McLeod, Treasurer. It was decided that a meeting should be held once a month, and that these gatherings should be informal dinners so that the boys might get together and pass a few pleasant evenings chatting and spinning yarns of the days of long ago. Following the organization, such meetings were held regularly once a month except for a short while in the summer when for several reasons they were temporarily suspended.

At the beginning of the present season, the meetings were again resumed, and the same executive re-appointed. A change was made in the order of meeting, and it was decided to hold same on the first Thursday of each month—a dinner and a luncheon alternating. This schedule has been adhered to except on one occasion

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when a luncheon was substituted by a supper dance (a short account of which is given in this issue) to which members might bring their wives and their friends. This supper dance was greatly enjoyed by all and was such a success that it was unanimously decided to hold more functions of a similar nature in the near future.

The organization here is gradually assuming the form of a club, the object of which is to promote the social and economic welfare of the U. of A. Alumni.

Though the number of U. of A. boys residing here is as yet comparatively small, there is a steady and progressive increase in the number of members, and in the strength of the club, so that at present it has very much more than justified its existence, and it is felt that it is something really worth while.

It has been said that the test of a liberal education is the ability to adjust oneself to one's environment. And assuming this to be correct, then our Association offers ample proof of the fact that the U. of A. is certainly the place to get a true liberal education. Our members are graduates in law, medicine, arts and science. Perusal of the list appearing in this issue discloses the following facts: Graduates in law, owing to the profession being so overcrowded, are making use of their training by turning to other fields of endeavor, making good as executives in automobile concerns, others succeeding in the field of finance, and again others accepting responsible positions with large industrial concerns. Then we see graduates in science forging ahead as teachers, managing coal companies, executives in large film companies; salesmen; insurance agents; etc., etc., which all goes to show that the U. of A. really fits one in the struggle for existence. Be that as it may, we all have a high regard for our Alma Mater and all her children are doing well out here.

Our aim is to make our Association the headquarters for Alberta men and women, and to develop along economic as well as social lines. I see no reason why such an Association should not become a real help

to all U. of A. men and women and we have this end in view. It will take on more and more the nature of a Club, where U. of A. folks in all walks of life will meet regularly to talk over old times and present business, showing preference to fellow members on all matters of business whenever possible. In this way the Association will be of material benefit to each and all, meaning something to everyone and with no fear of members losing interest.

Out here we are a real live organization, and we don't care who knows it, and already many of the members are realizing the value of the Association to them.

Vancouver being the third largest city in the Dominion, offers straight opportunities for those who are not afraid of work, i.e., U. of A. men and women. Generally speaking, conditions here are excellent; millions of dollars are being spent in building and many more millions are being expended in developing our very fine harbor. This will shortly make Vancouver the greatest city on the Pacific coast. We extend a hearty invitation to all to come to Vancouver, where so many of us are now, and you may rest assured that we will do all in our power to make you acquainted, and further to get you located. Here opportunity awaits you; here friends wait to greet you, and if any of you Varsity folks come out here without looking us up we shall certainly put you on the black list. We will be pleased to furnish anyone with information regarding Vancouver and our Association, so don't be backward in coming forward.

On January 7th the graduates of the U. of A. who at present are living in Vancouver met at the Ambassador for a social evening.

About thirty Alberta graduates and their friends took advantage of this opportunity of renewing old friendships, many meeting again for the first time since graduation. The early part of the evening was spent, as might be expected, in discussing old jokes, raids on Alberta College and other famous and infamous events of the various years.

At 10:30 a tasty supper was served in the banquet hall which was decorated with green and gold streamers and Alberta pennants. After a short business meeting, the rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

The gathering broke up about 1:30, and all were insistent in their demands that another function of a similar kind be held at an early date.

Harriet Barnes, B.A. '25, is teaching at Columbia College, New Westminster.

Sammy Leonard, M.D.C.M., is now in Vancouver, married and happy and doing well.

C. D. McBride, M.D.C.M., McGill '23, late of Peace River country, has made his home in Vancouver, married and has a couple of children. Doc did well in Peace River, and will undoubtedly do likewise here.

Marjorie Hotson, B.A. '19, has been teaching in the Lloydminster High School for the last five years, and is now studying in Vancouver. She is living at 2066 York St., City.

Jessie Hotson, B.A. '18, graduated from the University of California in 1922. She then spent two years in Seattle and is now in the Vancouver Public Library. Jessie is to be congratulated on her election as Treasurer of the B.C. Library Association. She is living at 2066 York Street, City.

Fred Etheridge, B.Sc. '25, has been engaged in field work in connection with one of the new dams and power plants of the B.C. Electric Co. At present he is in the city office of the company, and his address is 2038 McDonald Street. He hopes to make B.C. his home.

J. E. Jaffary, B.Sc. '16, came to Vancouver about two years ago, and is manager and owner of the Corry Coal Co., 185 1st Ave. West. He will see that you are not cold. He is one of the many happily married U. of A. men, and is very proud of his baby boy. His address is West Vancouver. Jaff is our popular secretary, and has been one of our most enthusiastic boosters.

W. F. Seyer, B.A. '14, M.Sc. '18, is associate professor of Chemistry at the

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U. of B.C. He has written several important articles for leading scientific publications. Bill has, with the aid of his three sons, just completed a fine house on University Hill, and can be found either there or at the Dept. of Chemistry.

L. B. Brown, B.Sc. '16, is teaching mathematics in the King Edward High School, Vancouver. In 1920 he took unto himself a better half, and with their little son can be found at 595 18th Ave. West.

J. B. Glover, B.A. '21, is now engaged in commercial work and hopes to start in business for himself shortly. J. B. is to be found at 3286 29th Ave. W., any evening or week-end, assisted in the garden by his two sons and one daughter.

J. C. Grimson, M.D. '25, is married and lives on 10th Ave. Julie is House Doctor at the General Hospital, so if you are not feeling just up to the mark take a rest at the General; board and room are reasonable, and the doctor will fix you up in no time. You will come out looking like a 1926 model, bumper and all.

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Bee Timmins, B.Sc. '24, is always a bright spot on Vancouver's foggy horizon. We have not seen Bee for a long time, but understand that the younger generation of Vancouverites are gaining in the knowledge of the art of domestic science at the hands of our mutual friend. We have not heard any rumors of Bee going off the deep end. Address, c/o Vancouver School Board, Vancouver, B.C.

W. M. Armstrong, B.A. '19. The call of the west was too strong to keep W. M. in Alberta, and he is now to be found as head of the English department in Magee High School, Point Grey. He is the proud papa of one boy and two girls, and lives at 3887 15th Ave. W.

W. S. Budd, B.A. '21, LL.B. '23, is connected with a local firm, Lucas & Lucas, who are well established in Vancouver. This budding young solicitor and barrister is single, has a very likeable manner, and lives at 1243 Thurlow St. His business address is 1023 Standard Bank Building. He has chosen the green forests and salt air breezes of the Pacific coast in preference to the prairies, and is in love only at present with our Vancouver climate—perhaps.

Howard Coulter, LL.B. '17, seems to be giving the lie to the story that the profession of law is too overcrowded. We always find his office crowded, but whether his clients pay their bills or not is another story. Howard is married and lives at 2830 Hemlock St., Vancouver, B.C.

Allan J. Sampson, D.D.S. Toronto '23, is practising dentistry in New Westminster at 423 Westminster Trust Building. Allan is not married, but it is rumored he is building a bungalow.

J. W. Lang, M.D.C.M. McGill, is now practising on the innocents of West Vancouver, with the same old grin and the same old pipe, we believe. Jimmie and Mrs. Lang are the proud parents of a baby girl. They reside at the corner of 23rd Street and Bellevue, W. Vancouver.

Roy P. Clarke, B.A. '16, LL.B., is bond salesman with the Royal Financial Corporation of this city. As ever, Roy always has time to spin a good yarn. Roy was

made the proud daddy of a 7½ lb. baby boy on Monday, Feb. 1st. Both Mrs. Clark and baby are doing well and Roy is all smiles these days. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke reside at 1176 12th Ave. West.

T. Walsh was reported in the city, but we have been unable to locate him.

J. F. K. English, B.A., we understand, is principal of the Peachland High School, Peachland, B.C.

G. Einarson, B.Sc. '23, has been working for the B.C. Telephone Co. As far as we know he is single, and is living at 60 9th Ave. W., Vancouver.

C. Ketchup McAllister, B.S.A. '21, is apparently doing very well as a manufacturers' agent. Just how much of his agricultural training Scotty is using in his present occupation we do not know, but it seems to bring results. The grass grows green. 5087 Connaught Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Hazel Van Buren, LL.B. '22—From word received we believe Miss Van Buren has for the time being forsaken her law practice at Calgary and has moved to Vancouver. (News wanted.)

H. McArthur, B.S.A. '23, taught in Claresholm and decided that that was no life for him, and now we find him as manager of the driers in Spillers' Elevator. Mac, we believe, is still single, but how long he intends to remain so we do not know. The rest of the information we have has been censored.

E. C. McLeod, M.D.C.M. McGill, was interne at Scranton, then took post-graduate work at Danville, Pa. From there he worked with the Red Cross at Washington, D.C. He then decided single blessedness was not all that it was cracked up to be. He and Mrs. McLeod came to Vancouver, where he is now practising medicine. Mac is a hard, conscientious worker, and is doing well in his chosen profession. He is also our treasurer, and one of our original members. His address is 4873 Ross St., Vancouver.

W. B. McKee, M.D.C.M. McGill '21, came to Vancouver as interne in the General Hospital. Although young in his profession, we expect some day to hear Boyd mentioned among the big medical men of Vancouver. Dr. and Mrs. McKee

reside at 4184 Kingsway.

K. L. Craig, M.D.C.M. McGill '21, came to the Vancouver General as interne, and could not tear himself away from this wonderful city. He has a good practice in Vancouver Heights, one of the nice residential districts of Vancouver. Kenny, as he is known by his many friends, is a hard worker, and we can expect a great deal from him. Dr. and Mrs. Craig reside at 3708 Dundas St., Vancouver.

Stewart Dawson, B.Sc. '24, is growing younger every day, pushing a slip stick for the Sydney E. Junkins Company, Limited, who are building the new C.P.R. pier. By the way the pier has grown of late it is evident that "Stew" has been proficient. Address, 1609 Harwood St., Vancouver, B.C. The news has just been received of his marriage to Miss Patty Reid, formerly of Edmonton. Congratulations!

R. A. McLeod, M.D.C.M. McGill '20, is practising in New Westminster. "Mac", as he was known in Alberta, moved here

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Miss Marjory Walker, B.A. '24, is living with her mother at 1170 15th Ave. W. She is now doing commercial work, and can be found any day of the week in the C.P.R. office.

C. G. Wallbridge, LL.B. '23, is still resisting Cupid's attacks, and is busy selling cars and batteries for Campbell Motors, Ltd., corner Granville and Fourth Ave. This man says, "It's Ben Hur's, now it's mine." Some of his cars say, "Darling, I am growing old."

W. T. Middleton, B.Sc. '17. Shorty is making use of his college education in architecture in the building game in Vancouver. Although he has been here for about a year his presence was not officially known until a few days ago. By the sound of his voice over the 'phone it is certain he has not changed a bit from his college days. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton are to be found at 2732 Fir St.

A. E. White, B.A. '16, is employed by Swift Canadian Co. A. E., Mrs. White (nee Miss Telfer), and their three boys are at home to their many friends at 1203 71st Ave. W.

Henry Gale, LL.B. '25, spent the summer in the city. At present he is visiting in Alberta, but it is rumored he intends to return to practise law here. His address is 1543 Robson St., City.

Elna Pearson, H.Ec. '25, Alberta and California, has been on the dietetic staff at the Vancouver General Hospital since last May.

Esther Prevey, H.Ec. '25, is at present on the dietetic staff of the Vancouver General Hospital, and is planning to take post-graduate work at the University of Chicago.

— Ward, Arts and Med. '20, is residing at 715 Royal Ave., New Westminster. He is working for the North American Life, 470 Granville St., Vancouver. He is using his U. of A. education to cure the ills of business and domestic life. His slogan is, "Will a policy take hold when you let go?"

J. W. Dexter, Sci. '18, single as far as is known, is residing at 1168 Haro St. He is rubber stamp salesman for Houghton & Smith. He is stamping his name indelibly in sporting circles, especially in hockey.

J. M. Rothwell, Arts '25, has been spreading his course a bit, and at the present time is attending the U.B.C. Jim solved the big problem by marrying the girl about three years ago, and since then has been taking his university course in style. Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell reside at 12 10th Ave. W.

S. Parker, Sci. '22, was unable to complete his course, and for the time being has a position with the Swift Canadian Co., but fully intends to continue his studies in the near future. In 1923 he married Miss Hazel Melick, of Edmonton, and they now reside at 3255 Heather St., Vancouver.

E. C. Annes, Sci. '16, is engaged in mining engineering; has taken unto himself a wife, and is residing at 538 17th Ave. W. 'Tis said, "Scout is the man who knows where the gold lies." He is one of

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G. R. McLanders, Arts '18, generally known as Mac, is connected with Craemer & Co., who are insurance specialists, and as Mac is office manager he specializes not only in risks, but in a good assortment of stories. He is married, with a son and heir whom he hopes some day will be as tall as he is. His home address is 5774 Vine Street.

C. G. Markle, Sci. '17, spends the summers surveying and the winters in the mill in Vancouver; a firm believer in single blessedness. Living with his parents at 2676 1st Ave. W.

E. S. Robinson completed his course in Arts at Toronto, and then took a special course in Library work at Washington. E. S. is now Librarian of the Vancouver Public Library, and at the annual meeting of the B.C. Librarians' Association the other day he was elected president. Congratulations, E. S. Mr. and Mrs. Robin-

son and three children reside at 3696 Point Grey Road, Vancouver.

Eric Huestis is attending the U.B.C. and expects to complete his course in forestry this year. In the summer Eric hits for the prairies, where he works for the Dominion Forestry Branch. Though single, Eric has been covering a lot of ground the last few years, and you can't tell what he may bring home with him next fall. While attending the university here Huestis has been making a name for himself in sport, especially in soccer. He resides at 3514 36th Ave. W.

H. C. Jackson, Sci. '16—Stonewall's address is 1844 Comox Street, and his business interests are with the Regal Film Co. He is office manager and chief accountant. Yes! Yes! girls, he is single, and can be easily distinguished from the other movie actors by his wonderful smile and hearty laugh as he strolls about in his balloon pants.

Daphne Frith left Edmonton 1923. Was in Toronto with National Trust for

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two years as secretary to H. V. Hearst, assistant estates manager. Saw Gerald Charlesworth there, who is finishing his medical course, and was an interne at Wellesley Hospital all summer. Came out here in October and obtained position with Royal Financial Corporation, Ltd. Expects to be married in the early summer, and will live in Toronto.

Misses Mary and Patty Reid came here with their family about a year and a half ago. Are living at 1164 W. 32nd Ave., Vancouver. Mary is teaching French at St. Anthony's.

George Sereth, Arts '17, we understand, has the world by the tail. He is one of the big pushes in the Southern Alberta Lumber Company, which is the greatest exporter of lumber from the Port of Van-

couver. Florida's building boom is also bringing joy to his heart. He has taken unto himself a wife, and looks like the cat that swallowed the canary. He is residing at No. 40, Windermere Apts., Vancouver, B.C.

J. A. Cameron, Sci. '23—Address, 1159 Bute Street, Vancouver. Commonly known around the halls of Athabasca as "Shorty," suddenly grew tired of the prairies and cast longing glances towards the coast. He arrived in Vancouver in May, 1925, where he is employed by His Master's Voice, Limited, as accountant.

The editor is not responsible for the authenticity of the statements in these columns and refuses to consider any claims for damages arising from libellous reports.

SPARKS FROM THE TREASURER'S ANVIL

Since our last issue we have heard from Miss Edna I. Wallis, B.A. '24, who writes from Lloydminster, Alberta, where she is teaching school.

Also from Miss Flora Moffat, B.A. '24, who gives her address as 78 Medway Street, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

The following have joined the Vancouver branch of the Association since the list published in the last Trail:

Dr. J. C. Grimson, Vancouver General Hospital.

Dr. R. A. McLeod, Edmunds and Kingsway Streets, New Westminster, B.C.

Dr. K. L. Craig, 3707 Dundas Street.

Dr. C. D. McBride, 1000 Commercial Drive.

J. W. Dexter, 1168 Haro Street.

G. R. McLanders, 5774 Vine Street.

J. A. Cameron, 1150 Bute Street.

H. McArthur, 1205 Victoria Road.

We have received fees for the next two years from Arthur R. Morgan, B.A. '22. His address for some time will be 611 Ninth Ave. South, Lethbridge, Alberta, from where all mail will be forwarded to him.

We have also heard from Norman A. Clark, who is with the Department of Chemistry at the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Fred J. Batson is with the Kittinger Furniture Company of Buffalo, N.Y. His residence address is 310 Voorhees Avenue.

R. P. Miller is living at 505 West Whiting Avenue, Fullerton, California.

Eugénie Clermont is teaching school at Simpson, Sask.

Miss Ivy M. Steele writes from 480 Meigs Street, Rochester, N.Y., and sends fees for

the current year and for the past two years. She is engaged as assistant examiner in a child's study clinic in that city. Of Rochester she says: "Rochester is a very progressive city and on the map for its manufactures, its educational system and school of music, Eastman of the Kodak Company being its patron of the arts, but the climate is objectionable to one who comes from a corner of the earth as high and dry as Alberta."

Two interesting letters have been received by the Treasurer, one from Palmer Anderson, B.A. '19, missionary at Sinyang, Honan, China, which is published in this issue, and the second from Douglas Simpson, B.Sc. '22, c/o Anglo Chilean Nitrate Corp., Coya Norte, Tocopilla, Chile, which will be published in the next number of the Trail.

George Salt, B.Sc. '24, is working at the Bussey Institute, Forest Hills, Mass., for the degree of D.Sc. from Harvard University. He is following up some special problems in plant parasitism. In this connection he reports a most interesting summer spent in Cuba.

E. T. ("Ted") Gowan, B.A., B.Sc. '24, has been exploring London, Paris and Strasbourg during the Oxford vacation.

Bill Fanjoy, Sci. '24, and Fred Stewart, Sci. '25, are taking the Students' Engineering Course with the Canadian General Electric Co., Peterboro, Ont.

James McMillan, B.Sc. '24, is at present in charge of the Edmonton office of the Canadian Westinghouse Co. Jimmie is leaving soon to spend a year in the company's factory at Hamilton, Ont.

S. W. Stock, B.Sc. '24, has completed the Students' Engineering Course with the Canadian General Electric Company, and is now an engineer in the illumination department of the company in Toronto.

At a short course given in the States some time ago and attended by engineers from nearly every state of the union and province of Canada, Stock distinguished himself by taking second place. This news travelled west with one of the men who attended the course. Trust Stock to say nothing about it.

J. A. Tames, B.Sc. '25, and A. V. Baldwin, B.Sc. '25, are with the Canadian Westinghouse Company at Hamilton. Johnny is deep in the mysteries of high tension circuit breakers, and Art puts the final test on some of the radio apparatus.

C. D. Reid, M.Sc. '24, is attending the graduate school at Harvard again this year.

Marjorie Bradford, B.A. '24, is assistant secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada. At the last meeting of the Council Miss Bradford presented a comprehensive report on "Recent Social Legislation in Canada."

Walker Dunham, B.A. '20, writes late November from Pembroke College, Oxford. He says in part: "I have my bar finals in

London in three weeks and am thoroughly frightened over them. If I don't plough, I shall spend the rest of the winter in France, and return to Oxford for the summer term."

Glen McClung, B.Com. '25, is with the Saskatchewan Co-Operative Elevator Co. at Regina.

Norman Thompson, B.Sc. '25, is with the Dee Mineral Water Co. at Wrexham, N. Wales.

Roy Baker, B.Sc. '24, is school principal at Cowley, with Mrs. Baker, B.A. '19, assisting.

Doug. Harkness, B.A. '24, is teaching English and History at Magrath. Doubtless other things.

Ed. White, B.A. '24, is school principal at Enchant. No, Edward, for your sake, no puns.

Mac Millard, LL.B. '24, is a legal light of the city of Bassano.

Guy Hollinshead, B.Sc. '24, is principal at Wainwright. The kids have found out he can't be buffaloed.

Muriel Gratz, B.A. '24, is teaching at Banff.

Eileen Evans, B.A. '25, is principal of a two-roomed school at Kelliher, Sask.

Alice Marshall, B.Sc. '25, is at Nanton, pharmacopaea et al.

Marriages and Births

MARRIAGES

Barnes—McIntyre—At Edmonton, Alta., on February 9th, 1926, Beulah Marie, B.A. '23, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McIntyre, to Major George Roland Barnes, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. William Barnes, of St. John, N.B. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have made their home at Slave Lake.

Le Bourveau—Cain—At Mannville, Alta., on December 29th, 1925, Ardis Ruth, B.A. '22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cain, to Homer, B.Sc. '24, only son of the late Mr. Benjamin Le Bourveau and Mrs. Le Bourveau, Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Le Bourveau have made their home in Calgary.

Philp—Samis—At Toronto, Ont., on December 23rd, 1925, Margaret Eleanor, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Samis, of Olds, Alta., to Donald F., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Philp, Edmonton, Alta. Mr. and Mrs. Philp have made their home at 290 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

Love—McCrimmon—At Edmonton, on November 12th, 1925, Katharine Isabelle, B.A. '17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McCrimmon, to John Russell, B.A. '20, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Love, Irma, Alta. Mr. and Mrs. Love have made their home at 9814 103rd Street, Edmonton.

Ogston—Stothers—At Edmonton, on December 31st, 1925, Jennie, B.A. '24, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stothers, to the Rev. Alexander Ogston, B.A. '22, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ogston, of Aberdeen, Scotland. Rev. and Mrs. Ogston have made their home at Chilliwack, B.C.

Puffer—Henderson—At Edmonton, on January 1st, 1926, Velma Bridget, daughter of Mr. M. J. Henderson, of Strathroy, Ont., and the late Mrs. Henderson, to Stanley Asa, LL.B. '22, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Puffer, of Lacombe, Alta. Mr. and Mrs. Puffer have made their home at Jasper.

Dawson—Reid—At Vancouver, on February 6th, 1926, Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Forbes Reid, Shaughnessy Heights, to Mr. Stewart Dawson, B.Sc. '24.

BIRTHS

Ower—At Edmonton, on February 8th, 1926, to Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Ower, a son.

Burt—At Edmonton, on January 15th, 1926, to Prof. and Mrs. Burt, a daughter, Joan Elizabeth.

Hart—At Edmonton, on December 22nd, to Rev. and Mrs. T. Hart, a son, John.

Buckingham—At Calgary, on Feb. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Buckingham, a daughter, Auril Daisy.

Clarke—At Vancouver, on Feb. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Clarke, a son.

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CHANGES that may have far-reaching effects have recently been made in the attendance requirements of the University. School teachers who have taught for three years and have Grade XII certificates need not attend the ordinary winter session, but may proceed to their degrees by taking summer courses and then carrying on the work through private study in preparation for the usual spring examinations.

Will this change affect the numbers that come up each fall, or will it touch only those who would not otherwise take university work? Will these extra-mural students be better or worse educated than those who take the work in the present way? No doubt, they will lose something very valuable in not being brought into close contact with their instructors and fellow students. John Henry Newman said that he would prefer "a University which had no professors or examinations at all, but merely brought a number of young men together for three or four years," to "a so-called University, which dispensed with residence and tutorial superintendence, and gave its degrees to any person who passed an examination in a wide range of subjects."

Ideas on education have changed much since these words were uttered, and we have been carried far out on the tide which Newman tried to stem—how far can be seen by a circular letter that has just reached us from a large university, advertising a course in "Personnel Administration," and describing it as "Genuine University Training at Home, by Mail." There is, nevertheless, a profound truth in Newman's words. On the other

hand, there is an equally valuable truth in the contention of another great Victorian: "If we think of it, all that a university, or final highest school, can do for us is still what the first school began doing—teach us to *read*. We learn to *read*, in various languages, in various sciences; we learn the alphabet and letters of all manner of books. But the place we are to get knowledge, even theoretic knowledge, is the books themselves! It depends on what we read, after all manner of Professors have done their best for us. The true university of these days is a collection of books."

In the over-organization of modern college life it is to be feared that both these fundamentals are often lost sight of. The system of extra-mural study which is being inaugurated by the University of Alberta will produce at least one good: the student will realize the importance of books, for no matter how clever he may be he will not be able to pass his courses without reading. Whether, on the whole, the innovation will be for the good of the University and the teaching profession remains to be seen.

TEACHERS' conventions have at various times requested the University to establish an undergraduate course in pedagogy. This request shows a commendable ambition to improve the quality of teaching in the schools of Alberta, but the proposed method of attaining this end seems to us to lay emphasis on something of secondary importance. What is needed among teachers more than training in method is liberal education, which but very few have who have gone through high school and normal school and then

stopped. In fact, not even a course in Arts can insure a liberal education, but it will give it to the eager student. It is a common complaint that the reading of the average school teacher does not reflect that interest in men and women, in human affairs both past and present, in the movements of thought abroad in the world, that love of learning without which there can be no good teaching. Of course, this condition should improve itself as more university men and women go into the teaching profession; and we look forward to the time when in Alberta, as in older countries, an Arts course will be the usual training for teachers. Such a course would be of far greater value than a course in pedagogy.

THE third of Dr. Tory's articles on Agricultural Credits will appear in our next issue. At the time of going to press the Agricultural Credits bill has not come up in parliament, and in the President's article it is hoped to have an interpretation of the situation as it will appear after the bill has been dealt with.

THE University of California Alumni Association has 15,000 paid-up members.

These are organized in more than 700 communities of California, an army of militant helpfulness for their University.

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The California Alumni Bureau of Occupations filled four thousand jobs of all descriptions last year with an annual wage value of over a million dollars.

Perhaps the reason for these achievements lies to some degree in the fact that the University of California has the largest registration on the continent, and a correspondingly large number of alumni. But there is more in it than that. A fine spirit of loyalty and service and

exceptional executive power distinguish this alumni body.—(*The University of Toronto Monthly*.)

THE newly-elected officers of the Alumni Association are:

President: Mrs. R. J. Russell, '12.

1st Vice-Pres.: Miss Margaret Gold, '18.

2nd Vice-Pres.: C. F. Reilly, '20 (Calgary).

3rd Vice-Pres.: J. McMillan, '24 (Hamilton).

Secretary: G. B. Taylor, '23.

Treasurer: W. Dixon Craig, '17.

At its first meeting the new Council elected Dr. Tory as honorary president, and S. C. Morgan, M.Sc. '23, as editor of *The Trail*. In addition, the presidents of all branches automatically become members of the Council.

THE secretary of the Calgary branch, in her annual report, writes: "Our March meeting was the only one not called to honor an Edmonton guest. We felt that, when we were so fortunate as to have a speaker like Harry Nolan in our midst, we could not deny ourselves the pleasure of hearing him, and at a luncheon held in the Tapestry Room we enjoyed a most delightful account of Oxford life."

The Calgary branch closed a successful year with its annual meeting on April 9. The following executive was elected for the season 1926-27:

President: James Nicoll, '22.

Vice-Pres.: Miss Betty Mitchell, '24.

Treasurer: James Davidson, '21.

Secretary: Miss Georgie Thompson, '19.

Members of the Committee: E. C. Snider, '21; Manly Edwards, '22.

THE Edmonton Branch held its annual meeting on June 19, and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President: Alan B. Harvey, '19.

Vice-Pres.: Miss Agnes Fuog, '21.

Secretary: Miss Jean McQueen, '22.

Treasurer: George Parney, '21.

Members of the Committee: P. Dunne, '21; Frank Newson, '24 and '26.

NOTICE!

The University is anxious to complete three files of *The Gateway*, *The Trail* and *The News Letter*, one copy to be deposited in the University Archives, one in the Library, and a third in the Provincial Library.

The following numbers of *The Gateway* are required for this purpose:

Volume 3, Number 2 (1 copy); Number 3 (2 copies); Number 5 (3 copies); Number 6 (3 copies); Number 8 (2 copies); Volume 13, Number 7, Nov. 21st, 1922 (1 copy).

The President will be grateful if anyone who can help to supply the missing numbers will please communicate with the Librarian of the University.

The News Letter was a war-time production, sent to members of the University on Overseas service, at first in typewritten form, and later in print. As it is proving very difficult to get any information about this publication, will members of the Alumni Association who have any knowledge of it please communicate with the Librarian. Any existing copies should be reported, as so far no copy has been found.

By The Way--

GRADUATES IN LAW will be particularly pleased to hear that Professor J. A. Weir has been made dean of the Faculty of Law. Dean Weir is the first to hold the deanship of this faculty. He is a graduate of Saskatchewan and Oxford universities. He went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, and for a number of years he has been Professor of Law in the University of Alberta.

A STUDY PARTY left the University for Europe on May 14, under the guidance of Dr. W. H. Alexander. In the group were Professor Burgess, W. R. Klinck, Miss Dodd, Miss Marion Cato '19, Miss Lillian Cram '24. Landing at Cherbourg they planned to go direct to Constantinople, and thence back through Greece, Italy and France.

AT THE MAY MEETING of the Edmonton Branch, Premier Brownlee gave an address. The meeting was largely attended.

THE EXECUTIVE of the Edmonton Branch of the Association met on Saturday evening, June 5, at the home of the president, Mrs. R. J. Russell. The members of the executive took advantage of this opportunity to present a small etching by Frank Armington to Miss Tena McQueen, the vice-president, who is leaving to make her home in California.

ON JUNE 14 President Tory delivered the Commencement address at the University of Minnesota. There were fifteen hundred students graduating on this occasion.

THE Alumni Association membership fee of \$2.00 becomes due each year at Convocation time. Fees for 1926-1927 are now due, and should be sent to Mr. W. Dixon Craig, Treasurer of the Alumni Association, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

THE UNIVERSITY course is becoming increasingly difficult for students entering without languages. A year ago the pass-mark in the beginning language courses was raised to sixty-five, and now, according to a new ruling the mark on a supplemental examination must be seventy. Alumni who are teaching could do their students a service by urging them to prepare the languages in high school.

“QUIS DESIDERIO!”

Charles Allan Stuart, the late Chancellor of the University of Alberta, was born near the city of London, Ontario, in Caradoc Township, August 3rd, 1864. He received his early training in a rural school and subsequently in that *nurtia leonum*, the Strathroy High School. From the University of Toronto he graduated in 1891, with double honors, Classics and Political Economy, and later (1894) he received the LL.B. degree from the same institution. He had some experience of academic life from the professorial side through his tenure of teaching fellowships in Toronto and Columbia, and this he revived much later in his career, when for the sake of the young University of Alberta he again undertook the teaching of constitutional history.

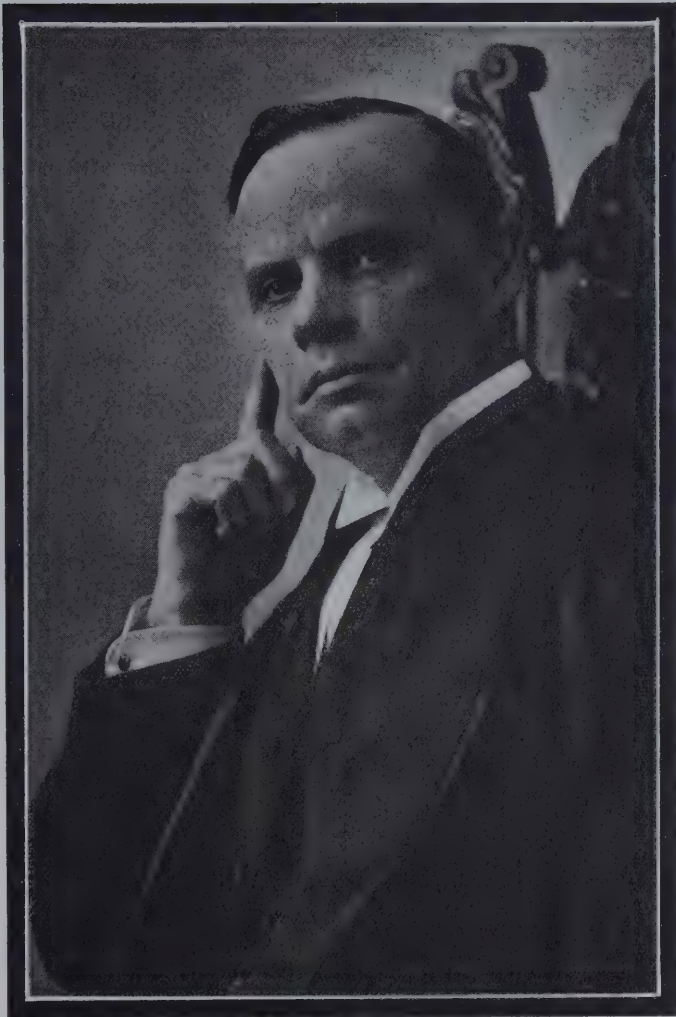
But it was the law which ultimately claimed him, and after a brief experience in the City of Mexico, he settled down to practise in the infant city of Calgary, 1898. Identified always with the Liberal party, he was a successful candidate for Gleichen in the first provincial election (1905), and was very prominently mentioned at that time for the Attorney Generalship of the first administration. However, on Oct. 8, 1906, he retired from politics to become a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Alberta, and subsequently, an associate justice of the Appellate Division. The twenty years of public service rendered by Mr. Justice Stuart in these capacities constitute one of the several things for which this young province may be thankful.

To the cause of the University he was always passionately attached, and no happier choice could have been made than that which constituted him the first chancellor of our institution, March 1908, and continued him in that office till his death. As chancellor he served as Chairman of the Senate and also as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors, and in both these contacts his influence was for the best invariably. Every graduate of the University of Alberta between 1911 and 1925 will remember his friendly smile at the conferring of the degree.

This sketch was not intended to be biographical, but it seemed worth while to set out these few facts above, the plain record of a distinguished public career. This once done, however, there are other things to be thought of. Different people will feel differently about what those things should be, especially those who met the late Chancellor in more phases of his life than one. Most graduates will think of him as the patient and kindly presiding officer on Commencement Day, some have known him as the thoughtful and reflective reader of great literature, more especially that of Greece and Rome, which he so dearly loved, while others yet again may recall him from some friendly game of golf played together; his was a many-sided life. But eulogies along such lines are apt to drop into formality, to become phraseological, despite our best intentions, and it may be better to give his character rather by two or three concrete incidents that occur to the mind of the writer.

One of my own first experiences in Alberta was that of being called to the 'phone for the purpose of explaining to some inquiring soul the significance of the phrase which Mr. Justice Stuart had recently used in a judgment—*lucus a non lucendo*. He had not used such a phrase to air a little shoddy knowledge of some classical catchwords; Latin and Greek were to him, the scholar as well as the judge, rare and wonderful media of speech, capable so often of expressing in a single term what we labor with through a whole sentence, and no one appreciated better than he the force of those terms. The late Chancellor was often criticized for slowness of utterance; if he was sometimes deliberate, it was because he had too fine a sense of the meaning of words to tolerate, at least in himself, their misuse and misapplication.

It was my privilege to see something of him during the second summer of the Great War when accident brought us together at a local beach. A thoroughgoing patriot in the best sense of the term—despite the foolish remarks occasionally



The Late Chancellor, Mr. Justice Stuart.

made about him because he did not care to adulate the English—he was yet under no delusions about the superlative excellence of our own institutions, and looked to see the war end some of their faults and amend others. He knew that the enemy inside was at least equally as dangerous as the enemy at the gates. It is not difficult to remember him saying: "These men have gone away to fight for their country; how would it be for us who remain behind to make sure that on their return they may feel that it was really worth fighting for?"

Apart altogether from the question of politics, Mr. Justice Stuart was a liberal in the best sense of the term, that sense which defines liberalism as a state of mind and not a body of doctrine. He was not opposed to forms and formulas, but no more was he tricked by them. Too often his excellent convocation addresses had to be reduced to an unwelcome brevity in order that some distinguished visitor might practise his soporific charms, but even thus they nearly always contained some gem of liberal thinking, of a type not too common in university chancellors. There is one which has always stuck in my mind for its absolute truth and admirable frankness; I quote it nearly in the original words: "Always remember," he said to the young graduates, "that the idea for which an institution is supposed to stand is more important than the institution. If this University at any future time fails to guard the idea which is its very essence, you are thereby automatically absolved from the allegiance you have given today in virtue of another and a higher allegiance yet." Golden words, worthy to be set up somewhere in our halls as a possession for ever, the truth by which only a university can live.

Of his very frank and human qualities let one incident be the sufficient evidence. It was the morning when Edward, Prince of Wales, was receiving his honorary degree. He stood before the Chancellor; the latter had begun his set speech, evidently something carefully composed and committed. After about three minutes something went wrong; there was a long

and dreadful pause. Then the Chancellor, his face beaming at the joke upon himself, said quite simply and frankly: "Your Highness, I'm afraid I've forgotten my speech." Edward knew that princes sometimes forget their speeches, but it seemed a bit of a revelation to him that a University Chancellor could be as human as that too. So they twain smiled understandingly at each other, and then Mr. Stuart addressed the Prince extemporaneously in the most charming of little speeches, a veritable jewel.

We cannot but mourn the loss of a character so kindly, so simple, so sincere, because we know we have suffered deprivation, but we must not express our regrets in a way that the spirit of our first Chancellor could never approve. He would wish us to say, with the Greek Epitaphist, over his ashes: "O friend, I weep not for thee, because thou didst know full many pleasant days, and again, God dealt thee thy lot of ill." That is the fair, frank spirit of a genuine humanism, and some of you at least will know that if I say of Chancellor Stuart that he was a good *humanist*, I have left myself no higher word of praise.

WILLIAM HARDY ALEXANDER.



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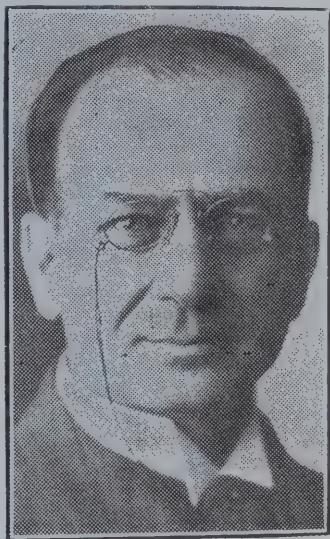
One hundred and eighty-four degrees, 12 diplomas and 13 degrees ad eundem statum, were conferred by the senate of the University of Alberta at the sixteenth annual spring convocation exercises held on Friday afternoon, May 14.

Numbered among those receiving degrees were 17 for the degree of Doctor of Medicine; 16 for Master of Arts; 7 for Master of Science; 1 for Bachelor of Education; 55 for the B.A. degree; 21, for LL.B.; 3 for the degree of B.Sc. in Civil Engineering; 3 for B.Sc. in Mining Engineering; 2 for B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering; 14 for Bachelor of Commerce; 18 for B.Sc. in Arts; 1 for Bachelor of the Science of Agriculture; 7 for B.Sc. in Agriculture; 3 for Bachelor of Household Economics; 2 for B.Sc. in Pharmacy; 3 for B.Sc. in Household Economics; and 12 diplomas for licentiates in Pharmacy.

The convocation address was delivered by the Rev. Thomas Tait.

Degrees were presented by the Hon. Mr. Justice N. D. Beck of the appellate division of the supreme court, for a number of years vice-chancellor of the University, who automatically succeeded to the chancellorship upon the death of the

late Mr. Justice C. A. Stuart, and will fill out the present term of office expiring in 1927, when a chancellor will be elected by Convocation.



The Hon. Nicholas Dubois Beck,
Chancellor of the University

In Memoriam

CHARLES ALLAN STUART

He is no more, our loved and loyal friend.

Just-tempered, upright, generous, serene

Of spirit, pure in heart, of gracious mien

With high and low, his nature was a blend

Of many noble strains. For him to spend

And to be spent, to do and not be seen

In doing, was enough. Bravely and clean

He lived; with equal mind he faced the end.

The bitter end! to which we all submit

And none the less resent: seeming defeat.

But still, *non omnis moriar!* What we

Have tried to do and be, upon the loom

Of time remains inwoven deathlessly.

And life goes on oblivious of the tomb.

W. A. R. KERR.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

The first sod in the construction of the new Roman Catholic College was turned on May 14, immediately following Convocation. Work is proceeding apace on the excavation, and it is expected that the shell of the building will be up by fall, and that the building will be ready for occupation by September, 1927.

St. Joseph's College will be affiliated with the University. Its main purpose will be to provide a residence for Roman Catholic students who are in attendance at the University. These students will attend the regular University lectures, with the exception of one or two special departments which will be conducted by the college authorities themselves. The Reverend Brother Rogation has been appointed Rector of the college.

The new college is being erected across the road from the Medical Building, in the angle formed by Eighty-ninth Avenue with the lane leading to the University

farm, and a short distance behind the United Theological Seminary (A.C.). It is to cost \$200,000. It will be 210 feet in frontage, with two wings, one of 114 feet and another 97 feet, both extending south. It will be built of tapestry brick with Tyndal stone facings, and will contain five lecture rooms, a dining hall to accommodate 250 persons, a chapel in the gothic style, a gymnasium, shower baths, billiard and recreation rooms, several suites and private rooms for a hundred students. The new college was made possible by public subscription and the help of the Carnegie Foundation.

F. ARMOUR FORD

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HOW THE LIBRARY CHEATS CUPID

By E. S. ROBINSON

(Librarian of the Vancouver Public Library and President of the B.C. Librarians' Association)

The march of events has made remarkable changes in the status of women in the business world in the last few years. The Great War, the franchise and equal rights, to say nothing of bobbed hair, have all contributed to a condition of affairs which is not so comfortable for mere man as in the days of old. Men who took up library work in the early days because of the lack of strong competition now find themselves confronted with competition of the strongest kind. Some of the ablest women in the business and educational world today are engaged in library work—for it has those two aspects, business and education, combined as in no other profession. For freedom of activity and opportunity for expression of individuality through service, library work has no equal. Depending as it does solely on attraction for its patronage, one can readily see how intriguing is a work from which all forms of compulsion or competition have been removed. Bound by no course of study; confined to no limit of time or place; reduced to no set number of patrons whose class, creed or color are immaterial; it is not difficult to portray in one's mind the unlimited field of activity which awaits the librarian.

Of what nature are some of these golden duties, you will ask? We all know the world of books to be attractive, but wherein does the rather prosy task of stamping books give opportunity to the expression of one's best effort. Unfortunately for the library, the knowledge of the public library work is confined to that which is seen on entering the building, with the result that the more pleasant and often more valuable duties remain in oblivion. Reference work; work with children and the selection of their books; story telling; classification and cataloging; bibliographic work; the selection and ordering of books—all have their attractions, to say nothing of opportunities.

Let us look at some of these phases of library work in detail. Reference work, for example, is one of the most popular and, at the same time, the most valuable parts of the whole system. Here tiresome routine is reduced to a minimum, while actual service to the public in helping them locate information and even carry on extensive research comprises the bulk of the duties. To say the least, one experiences a thrill many times during the day when a stranger approaches, who may want information on anything from the price of oil shares in Calgary to the temperature of Edmonton in winter; or, to be more serious, such questions as, "What alloys will stand a high temperature in a

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Immortality

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And when the crimson rose
 He tended with such care
Blooms in the summer sun,
 We feel his presence there.

When Autumn frosts have turned
 The hillsides red and gold,
He wanders with us there
 As in the days of old.

And when in winter wan
 The ruddy hearth fire flames,
He lives in well-loved books
 Where once he wrote our names.

Feet of Clay

I set up an idol in sacred nook,
And incense and myrrh to his shrine I took.
I scoffed at the wise who foretold a day
I would find that my idol had feet of clay;
For I knew he was fashioned of finest gold,
And his brightness was excellent to behold.
He is still enthroned in his sacred nook,
But I dare not look . . . I dare not look!

GEORGINA H. THOMSON, '19.

OLD FORT AUGUSTUS

By F. A. RUDD, '23

The Edmonton Historical Society are attempting to locate and mark from time to time in the Edmonton district, the sites of ancient fur trading posts and other places of interest in our local history. In this very praiseworthy work the society is operating in conjunction with the Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, of which Judge Howay, of British Columbia, is the Western representative. In regard to Old Fort Augustus, I am indebted to the Provincial Librarian, Mr. Jaffary, and to Mr. Gibson, of Fort Saskatchewan, for information as to what is being done to locate and commemorate the site of this historic fort. From this I understand it is proposed to identify the site by erecting on the roadside near-by a stone cairn and affixing thereto a suitable tablet. Historic sites have been

identified in other parts of the province, but that of the subject of these few remarks should be of especial local interest.

Old Fort Augustus was a fur trading post of the North West Company, established by two of its members—Angus Shaw and John MacDonald of Garth—in 1794. The fort was situated approximately twenty miles east of present Edmonton, on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan river, on the south-west corner of what is now River Lot 8 of the Townsite of Fort Saskatchewan. This spot would be about four hundred yards below the eastern end of the island at this point. Remains of an old fort here have been seen by a succession of inhabitants of the district, and have been described by them. One of the parties who owned the property prior to its transfer to the present owner, Lord Rodney, had levelled off the ground for cultivation by throwing the piles of stones, which once formed the chimneys, into the cellars. There now remain only mounds of buried stone and plaster to show where the post once stood. Similar ruins, some in a better state of preservation, have been found at other points along the river, which Alexander Henry, fur trader of the old North West Company, relates as being the sites of other posts of the Company. This would seem to verify the authenticity of the ruins in question as those of Old Fort Augustus.

About two hundred yards east of this old post was Fort Edmonton of the Hudson's Bay Company, built about 1795. Thus is seen the close rivalry existing between these two great companies in the old fur trading days.

Old Fort Augustus is to be carefully distinguished from New Fort Augustus, which was established by Mr. Hughes, of the North West Company, about 1807, higher up the river, at what is now Edmonton. This was built immediately on the abandonment of the lower post, the latter henceforth being called Old Fort

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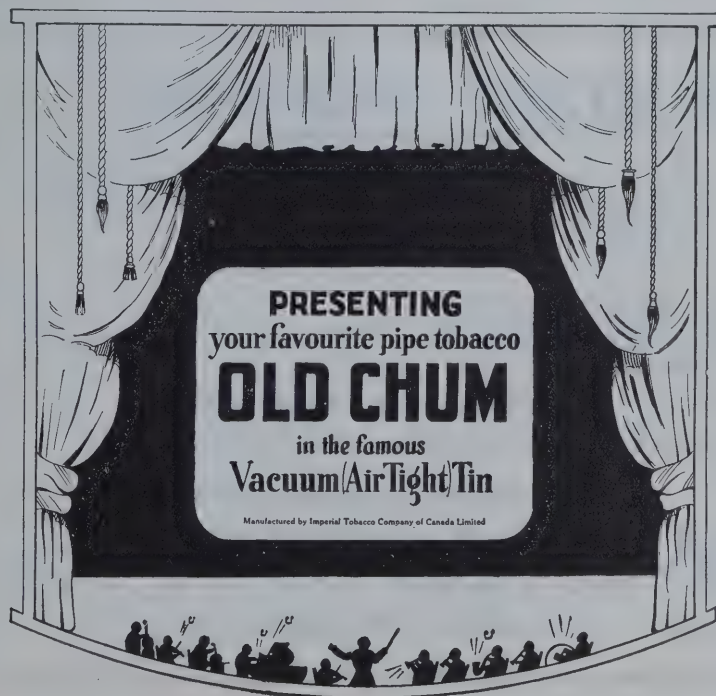
Augustus, as a fort was always called "old" as soon as it was abandoned. New Fort Augustus later became known simply as Fort Augustus. This post was maintained by the North West Company until the fusion of the two companies in 1821.

In the annual report of the Alberta Land Surveyors Association for 1922, Mr. J. N. Wallace remarks that the object of establishing Old Fort Augustus was probably to get nearer to the fur trade and to as far as possible trade only with Indian tribes friendly among themselves. This, of course, would be the policy of either Company in establishing its posts, and very possibly accounts for the fact that we find two opposing posts in such close proximity to each other as were those of Old Fort Augustus and Fort Edmonton.

In 1810 David Thompson, Geographer of the North West Company, made a journey to Fort Vermilion, another of the

Company's posts, from the upper Columbia by way of Howes Pass and the Blueberry river and thence down the Saskatchewan. He notes the ruins of Old Fort Augustus as he passed the site on June 22nd of that year. I say ruins, because, in July of the previous year, 1809, the Blackfeet Indians had completely demolished and pillaged the old fort, and nothing but the blackened stones remained, which to the present day exist as the mute evidence of what once had been.

In referring to the Henry-Thompson Journals (1799-1814), edited by Elliot Coues, which give much interesting information about Western Canada in the last part of the 18th and early part of the 19th centuries, I find at many places a reference to a "Fort des Prairies." It appears that Old Fort Augustus was one of several forts along the river to which the term "Fort des Prairies" was indifferently applied. These included such posts of the North West Company as Fort



Vermilion, opposite the entrance of the Vermilion river; Fort George, just above present Moosewa Ferry Crossing; Lower White Earth House, at the junction of the lower Whitemud river below Pakan; Old Fort Augustus; New Fort Augustus; Upper White Earth House, on the north bank, two miles below the entrance of White Lake Creek, and Rocky Mountain House, at the junction of the Clearwater. In reading these Journals, therefore, one must investigate closely to determine which of these posts is referred to when the term "Fort des Prairies" is used.

It is indeed an interesting glimpse into the past to read the accounts of Henry describing the countless thousands of roving buffalo covering the country about Old Fort Augustus and other points, and the many tribes of Indians, often hostile and on the warpath, but ever willing to plead for the cherished "fire water" of the white man. It is noteworthy, by the way,

that the forts usually seemed to contain considerable wine in those days. This may account for the cellars!

To visit such historical sites as that of Old Fort Augustus arouses in one a feeling akin to that described by Hardy in regard to Egdon Heath when "the past seized upon him with its shadowy hand, and held him there to listen to its tale." And the tale of Old Fort Augustus and Fort Edmonton will be recalled in the years to come when, to commemorate the deeds of great traders and explorers, a cairn is erected to the honour of the two great fur trading companies, on the tablet of which it is proposed to inscribe:

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Speaking of subscriptions, here is mine for *The Trail*.

Very truly,
MARGARET ARCHIBALD, '22.

P.S.—I am not an insurance agent!

A LETTER FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Anglo-Chilean Nitrate Corp.,
Coya Norte, Tocopilla, Chile,
January 17, 1926.

F. Armour Ford, Esq.,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Ford: Some weeks back I received your letter of November 24th, enclosing an Alumni Association receipt. You also asked me to let you have some news. As the only other Alberta man I know is in Braden, I can't say much about anybody else. He is Leonard Haw, who took two years in Applied Science, later finishing at Queens. I was quite surprised to see him down there, meeting him unexpectedly in the barber shop soon after he arrived, about a year ago. When I left he was in charge of a gang in "G" level of the mine. Last winter he was one of the indoor baseball stars, and as that is the

only sport which can be indulged in during the winter at that altitude, a game is one of the events of the week.

I arrived on the pampa almost three months ago, and found it quite a change from Braden. Down there we were at an elevation of 7,000 feet, the highest level of the mine being 10,000 feet, completely surrounded by mountains and above the tree line. Also we had had heavy falls of snow in September—over 25 feet in three weeks. Here we are camped on the rainless desert of Atacama, putting in a seven million dollar plant for Guggenheim Bros. The pampa here is strangely like the prairie from a distance, but without even the lowly tumbleweed.

Coya Norte is sixty-seven kilometers from the port, Tocopilla, and 4,000 feet above sea level. There is a good road almost all the way, the last part between the camp and the Chile Exploration Company's transmission line road being rather rough. We have a connection to the Anglo-Chilean railroad, but it is a long

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way around, and it takes all day to come up. You can hire a car for \$25 gold and make the trip in two hours. After leaving Tocopilla the trail climbs 5,000 feet in 30 kilometers, and then goes down hill again for about 40 more to the Rio Loa. From there the climb must be steep again, as the Chuquicamata copper mines, 100 kilometers to the east, are at 10,000 feet. When we arrived here a few snow-capped peaks could be seen over in Bolivia, but the snow has almost all disappeared.

The climate here is very variable in temperature, but a cloudy day is rare, only when the wind brings a few over the Andes from the east. The days are very hot, some thermometers registering 135 degrees in the sun at times. How accurate the thermometers are I don't know. The nights are quite chilly, and in winter it often freezes quite hard. I have been told that in some parts of the pampa they even get frost at this time of year. Your equipment should include a sun helmet and a heavy overcoat.

Our camp at present is rather primitive. We are living in shacks built of canvas and corrugated iron, and they are certainly hot in the early afternoon—you can't put your hand on the corrugated iron. Some have double roofs of bamboo, but apparently they ran out of that before they got to ours, and contented themselves with just enough mud to cover the corrugations. Six months ago they started to build three permanent houses, adobe walls and corrugated asbestos roofing. The trouble is that the carpenters left to finish them inside are without a foreman, and unless these people are watched they go to sleep. The permanent workmen's quarters are progressing much faster, as we have 3,000 men on the job and no place to put them. The oficina in Coya Sur, which also belongs to this company, is crowded with them. The plant is being pushed hard, as they want to start operations in May.

Sanitary conditions are not very good, flies being a pest, and there is quite a lot of dysentery. The water supply should be good, distilled river water pumped from Coya Sur. We have an ice plant in operation here now, which helps consider-

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ably. It is difficult to get fresh vegetables and fruit, and the Chinaman who sells them charges exorbitant prices. At one time he was charging \$1.25 gold per pound for butter, until he was forced to cut it down by the management. As the only other source of supplies is over in the laborers' village, about a mile away, he has everything his own way.

As far as the actual process of extracting the nitrates goes, I know very little about it. We have no flow sheets in the office, and apparently they are keeping it quiet. They are making several innovations, which have all been tried out in a pilot plant. They are also using steam shovels in place of the hand mining in vogue in other oficinas. The caliche, from which the nitrates and by-products is extracted, is in irregular masses of varying thicknesses, and with a varying overburden. The latter is stripped off, the deposits blasted and loaded by steam shovels into dump cars. The caliche is a hard

substance and has to be crushed and screened several times. After crushing it is put in leaching vats, and the resultant liquid is evaporated in the crystalizing plant. That is about as much as I know about the process. The presence of caliche makes foundation conditions bad, as they must be carried down to rock less than 2% soluble.

The company brought me here from Braden as a steel and concrete designer, but the work consists largely in issuing drawings, making hurried sketches, etc. I have had a couple of small bridges to do, and am at present working on a sewage disposal plant. Being the only gringo draftsman I get all the good jobs to do. We have a Chilean architect, a tracer and an Ecuadorian contracted in England, whose chief desire is to do things wrong, be sick half the time and get fired.

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climate, and grows everything from wheat to oranges, but the only decent jobs are up in some desolate mining camp. You find Canadians and Australians all over down here, and we even had one South African in Braden. Every town has its British colony, and the first President of Chile was the son of an Irishman.

Perhaps you may be able to glean something of news from all this mess. Wishing you lots of luck, and with regards to any Albertans I know.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS SIMPKIN.

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thermostat subjected to a current of 110 volts?" or, "I would like to have suggestions for a bakery display at the forthcoming exhibition." Being bombarded from morning until night by demands such as these ensures a worker of no idle moments. The announcement of a new industrial enterprise is frequently preceded by a search for information at the library, which means that the reference librarian must be on the *qui vive* in regard to every activity of the community. Specialists within reference work are used in the larger libraries for such classes of literature as educational, technical and industrial, fine arts, etc., etc., which in turn make the work more attractive and at the same time give the worker unlimited scope for advancement. One library in a city not much larger than Vancouver has one assistant who spends most of her time working with social and educational clubs, anticipating their needs through helping arrange their programs for the coming season and then filling the wants of those taking part therein. Can you conceive of a more valuable contribution to our life than giving help to that great body of voluntary workers who are so ably supplementing the more formal methods now in use in our educational institutions?

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duties. Cataloging a book merely opens the resources of that book to the borrower in a simple dictionary of authors, titles and subjects. This often requires complete reading of a volume so that nothing of importance will be overlooked. If the value of a book can be doubled by recording its contents in a card catalog surely the cataloger holds no small place in the system.

Of selecting and ordering books, there is little to be said that is not obvious to all. Aids come to hand in huge quantities these days which are the work of professional critics and reviewers. The most important contribution of the librarian in this work is that of the knowledge which one must possess of those for whom the purchase is being made. For those who are regular users of the library the task is not so difficult, and is best done by those who meet and talk with them. On the other hand, there is that vast body of people who do not use the library, but who would do so if they thought it held anything of value for them. Possibly the chief librarian can best cater to the needs of this class because he—or she—will no doubt be in a position to meet and know those who comprise this group. The chief librarian can also effect co-operation between the library and the host of clubs, associations, societies, schools, churches and institutions of a similar nature when an assistant would be so tied by routine that she would be unable to meet their need in the book world.

Over all is glamor of meeting and knowing and helping people by the hundred which one must be prepared to do and to like doing. No more satisfying form of service is open to the worker today, and the library may be rated high as a social service organization. Today it is finding its way, and is only beginning to realize the possibilities which it holds along adult educational lines. The recent endowment of the American Library Association by the Carnegie Corporation to the extent of \$4,000,000 is an indication of the importance of the work in the eyes of that body which has already given

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Thunder On the Left, by Christopher Morley.—The book has an intriguing title. Morley is a well-known humorist, but this time evidently left his thunder at home,—and pretty well everything else.—A.J.C.

The Lonely Furrow, by Maud Diver.—Add to exquisite description, a powerful story enacted with modern India as a background, and you have some conception of the feast of good things awaiting you. We hope some reader, in gratitude, will prepare for *The Trail* an adequate review of the book.—A.J.C.

The Unhurrying Chase, by H. F. M. Prescott (Constable & Co.)—This is a tale of "old unhappy far-off things and battles long ago." An allegorical theme based on Francis Thompson's "Hound of Heaven" supplies the unity of the story which might otherwise have been a mere series of adventures of varying degrees of terror, befalling a rather disagreeable and morose young man. As it is, each adventure is a futile attempt on the part of the hero to escape from God, the "Hunter who never tires." The chief interest of the book lies in the wonderfully realistic pictures of France in the twelfth century, which make one tolerably content to be living in the twentieth. We see, not the glamour of feudalism as depicted by Scott, but the crude comfortless existence in a Mediaeval castle, with its smoke and draughts and filth, the long evenings only made endurable by the songs of some troubadour or jongleur. The utter disregard of the times for human life and suffering is shown in the revolting ruthlessness of the "routiers" and in the torture den of the robbers. The only figure of romance is that of Richard Coeur de Lion, who finally achieves a compromise between hunter and hunted by enlisting the hero in one of his crusades.—G.H.T.

Shackled, by Achmed Abdullah (Hutchison & Co.)—The setting and love theme are reminiscent of the Arabian Nights, but there are no magic carpets, no

slaves of the lamp to come to the rescue of old Mustaffa Madani as he broods in his moth-eaten palace, shackled by poverty and the fierce pride of race. The shifting color and noise of the bazaars, encroaching ever closer upon the palace, are intensely interesting if one can get over the Occidental habit of being startled by frankness of utterance and sensuality of image. The whirling dervishes at their nightly esoteric ritual, "their eyes glassy, their faces tense and ecstatic", almost draw us into the midst of their gyrations, as eventually they do old Mustaffa Madani. The wedding procession of Mustaffa's hated son-in-law displays all the rites and pomp of Islam. Yet beneath all the picturesque and spectacular, there runs the bitter note of hatred for European interference, which throws some light on conditions in Northern Africa today.—G.H.T.

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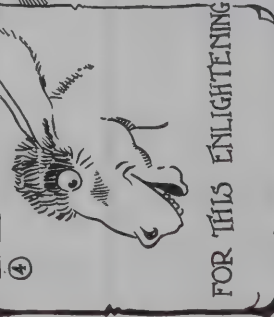
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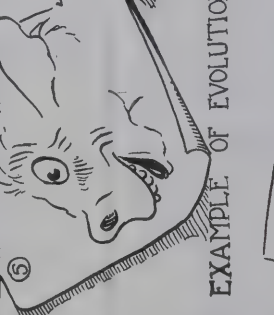
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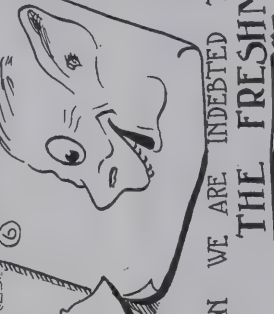
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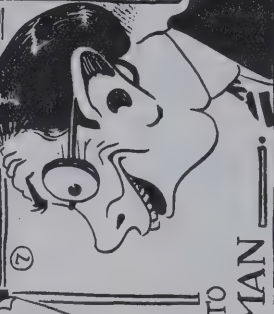
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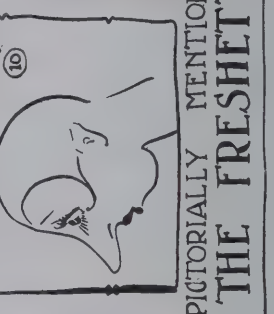
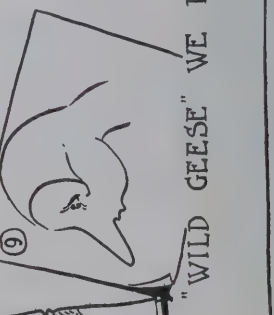
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To enable U. of A. visitors to the coast to locate friends while in Vancouver, a roster of the Alumni members will be available on request at the desk at the Hotel Grosvenor, Home Street, or at the Abbotsford Hotel on Pender Street. Both of these hotels are centrally located, and we trust visitors will take advantage of this and get in touch with members while in this city.

R. C. Smyth, Arts '22, claims Calgary as his home, but originally hailed from Medicine Hat. After two years' hard study at the U. of A. he started to work for the Imperial Oil Company at Calgary. At the present time he is in Vancouver in connection with the installing of some new machinery out at the company plant at Ioco. Ralph will possibly be remembered best as one of the terrible seven freshmen who were so prominent in raids, etc., during the academic year of 1918-19. Ralph is married, and is very proud of his young daughter, who just celebrated her first birthday lately.

R. P. Clarke has just recently purchased a five-room bungalow, 3544 24th Avenue West, and would certainly appreciate it if any of his friends from Edmonton would look him up. The past week or two, however, has been a very busy time for R.P. in moving and getting settled. (More power to your right arm, R.P.)

In the year 1921 Howard, "Red", Gaetz bid farewell to Varsity's grey halls. Shortly after receiving his degree he married Miss Gwynnifred Craig, graduate of 1920. They have made their home chiefly on the coast, and are now residing at 5926 44th Street South West, Seattle, Wash. They are the proud parents of a three-year-old son, who from all appearances is a chip of the old block. Howard is following up his chemical studies, and at present holds a position in a pharmacy. The old enthusiasm and determination of Varsity days are still yours. Go to it, Red.

"HERE'S TO THE VARSCONAS"

What a thrill it was for the Vancouver members of the Alberta Alumni to meet and greet the Varsconas from Edmonton on their trip to the coast in February.

Undaunted by a deluge of rain, the team, under the tender care of their youthful chaperon, Bern Carmichael Law, were spots of Alberta sunshine to a few of us who managed to dodge school and office to say "hello" to them on their arrival.

And the games—well, the team quite lived up to our expectations, and if you had been in our section of the rooters' gallery you would know, no doubt, how keenly thrilled we were, as in the good old days in the U. of A. gym. (Of course,

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Dr. Julie Grimson, as cheer leader, had a good share in it.)

Before the final Vancouver game we had a gathering of the clan, for a supper at the Ambassador. Here we were able to enjoy our guests in a jolly informal way, and the years from Class '14 to Class '25 were soon well bridged.

In response to short toasts, Helen Beny and Olive Caldwell brought us greetings from Alma Mater, and a sing-song followed.

Jimmie Bill joined forces with Bee Timmins at the piano, and carried the airs with his staunch tenor all the way from "Clementine" to "Show Me the Way to Go Home." Jimmy, despite the keen vigilance which he was forced to keep on his lively charges during the trip, relaxed into his usual "beam," and reminded us of the many other U. of A. teams who had won their laurels.

With the singing of Auld Lang Syne we unconsciously made a vow to make

our link with our Alma Mater as strong as possible, and you shall hear from us later, dear editor of *The Trail*.

May I add this note?—We, the Vancouver Branch, have high hopes of seeing many of the alumni here, so please look us up and we shall show you how delighted we are to see you.

WANTED!

Addresses of the following Alumni

Do you know where these Alberta graduates are? If so, please advise the secretary of the Association, Mr. G. B. Taylor, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

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Miss J. Ballantyne, '23.
J. Boyd, '21.
M. Brown, '13.
N. Chrishop, '24.
A. Donaldson, '22.
W. V. Drake, '22.
W. Draper, '13.
S. Edworthy, '22.
J. D. Ferguson, '24.
G. L. Flack, '19 and '20.
G. R. Johnson, '23.
Miss E. Lake, '20.
Miss D. MacLean, '24.
W. J. MacLeod, '23 and '24.
W. R. McDougall, '21.
J. E. Meagher, '21.
D. M. McRae, '24.
A. Miller, '25.
G. M. Miller, '26.
G. C. Paterson, '24.
S. C. Robison, '23.
J. Russell, '22.
S. H. Sands, '20.
S. Sawala, '22.
E. Smith, '18 and '24.
Miss M. Smith, '15.
W. G. Soltan, '20.
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O. L. Stuart, '22.
Rev. D. M. Thompson, '18.
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SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

James A. McDonald, '24, sent his fees from 536 Barton St. E., Hamilton, Ontario. He says: "J. A. Tames, '25, and Arthur V. Baldwin, '25, are living just around the corner, and I see them occasionally. Jimmy MacMillan will be down here in a week or two to take a course with the Westinghouse Company. Our slogan is 'Till Jimmy Comes'." This was last March. Now that Jimmy has arrived we should like to hear what has happened. Hamilton can't be the same.

Malcolm Wallace, Ag. '25, dropped around early this spring. Red is working on the farm at home near Claresholm.

H. B. LeBourveau, '24, and Mrs. LeBourveau (formerly Mrs. Caine, '22) are living at 232 Fifth Ave. N.E., Calgary.

Miss Jean McKittrick, '25, sent her fees from Vegreville, where she is teaching. She expects to be home for the summer. Her home address is 8012 110th St., Edmonton.

215 West 23rd Street, New York, is the address that we recently received from D. S. Simpson, '24.

Lucile Barker, '23, writing from 208 Escobita Ave., Palo Alto, California, says: "Enclosed you will find check for dues, this year's and last year's. I don't remember having paid

them last year, and my conscience is bothering me. The twenty-five cents is for exchange. I certainly appreciate the fact that you have carried me on the "Trail" mailing list, for it keeps me in touch with the University and old friends."

Gordon L. Kidd, '16, of Drumheller, sent in his fees with a short note. "This letter," he says, "is somewhat like a lady's dress—I trust it will be satisfactory."

C. K. Johns and Mrs. Johns (formerly Dorothy Farnols), both of the year '25, have come to live in Edmonton, where C.K. has taken a position under the Provincial Dairy Commissioner. He recently got his M.Sc. at McGill.

H. E. Smith, B.A. '25, sends in his address as 1821 16A St. W., Calgary.

Ronald D. White, '24, writes to let us know that he is now residing in Leduc, where he is carrying on a law practice.

Eddie Jones, '26, is working at the smelters in Trail, B.C. With Johnny Millen, Howard Hargrave and D. P. Macdonald, that town has the beginnings of a U. of A. colony.

Steve Atkinson, we hear, is in the metal mining game at Dividend, Utah. From the name, this ought to be a profitable place.

The latest address we have for A. B. Jack-

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son, '23, is Chapman Camp, which is part of the mining and smelting works at Kimberley, B.C. Doug York is there also in the assay office.

We hear that Gordon Lee and Hugh Crawford were studying Medicine in Toronto last winter.

Roy Page, '23, sent up a very welcome contribution to the Memorial Fund a while ago. He is with Clarkson, Gordon and Dillworth, accountants, in Toronto.

W. L. MacDonald, '23, has gone down the Mackenzie River in charge of a prospecting party for the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. Bill passed through Edmonton in May.

Reg. Pegrum, '23, spent the last year at Princeton, and at present he is on a geological survey in Ontario.

It was a breezy little letter we got from Mrs. Coursier, '23 (formerly Geraldine Duclos), dated at Wainwright, Alberta, last March, and we quote it in full: "I have intended, oh, so many times, to sit down and drop you a note, also enclosing my fees. In fact, I became very industrious and ambitious just after Christmas, and almost completed an article I was writing for 'The Trail.' Some time I'll be sending it along. One speaks of small towns being rather dead. Indeed, from what I'd ever heard of them I imagined they were, but that appellation can scarcely be applied here. We are staging a very fine musical comedy, and are just recuperating after 'putting over' a big and very successful golf club dance, and now our dramatic club are desirous of becoming ambitious and putting on a really 'dramatic' play. So with these and many other things too numerous to mention, I have had scarcely a free moment. What a dreadful omission, or really a "faux-pas" 'The Trail' made when they neglected to record last April 24th, 1925, the birth of a wee daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Heber Leon Coursier, and such a perfectly lovely baby she is, too—and a future U. of A. student. I am enclosing two dollars (\$2.00) for fees. I'm not just sure of how I stand, but I think I owe you another two dollars. If so, please let me know it, and I shall remit the amount. I appreciated your sending 'The Trail' even though I was behind in my dues."

L. V. Bell, '25, has spent a year of post-graduate work in geology at the University of Toronto, and is now with the geological survey under Dr. Warren near North Battleford.

Leo Telfer, '24, has just finished a year in geology at Toronto. For the summer he is at Fernie, B.C., prospecting for the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. W. D. Burgess, '23, is also doing the same work, and has been with this company for some time.

I. W. Jones, '22 and '24, who has spent the year at the University of Toronto, is on a geological party in the Mountain Park area for the summer. J. O. G. Sanderson is on the

same party. "Pete" has been studying at Yale.

Sam Laycock, M.A. '16, who is now studying in London, drops us a line saying: "Hope you had a good banquet. Spent three weeks of 'vac' in Holland, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Belgium." His latest address is 31 Hillfield Rd., London N.W. 6, England.

Lieutenant Clifford Underwood, 1925 graduate in Electrical Engineering, who has been at Camp Borden, Ontario, connected with the Canadian Corps of Signals, recently passed through Edmonton on his way to take charge of the Government Wireless Station at Mayo, Yukon.

Fred Young, '15, who is on the staff of the Provincial Institute of Technology in Calgary, will be teaching mathematics at the Summer School held in the University.

Miss Esther Prevey, '25, is taking a summer course in Chicago, and in the fall she will return to the U. of A. to act as an assistant in Household Economics.

C. F. Carswell, '15, has moved to Granum, Alberta, where he has a law practice.

Art Carswell, '20, is living at 2207 Camden Ave., Sawtelle, California.

News has just been received of the appointment of F. M. Quance, M.A. '15, to the principalship of Regina Normal School. Dr. Quance has been teaching in the school since 1916, with the exception of a year at Columbia. He has his doctorate in pedagogy from Toronto, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred at Columbia last year.

The Rev. Norman M. Plummer, LL.B. '22, writes from St. Peter's Rectory, Okotoks. A novel of his, entitled "The Good," and also a book of poems, called "Songs of the West and Other Poems," are about to be published. For every copy of the poems ordered by an alumnus through him, Mr. Plummer offers to turn over the profits to the Alumni Association.

We have not heard yet from many of the newest graduates, but expect to get news of them when they begin sending in their fees. In the meanwhile, we hear that:

Gladys V. Brown is out on Chautauqua.

Lorna Dalglish is leaving with her family about July 1st to live in Claresholm.

Bessie Scott and Gwen Little are attendants at the Mental Hospital, Ponoka.

Marjorie Sherlock has returned to Lethbridge for the summer. In the fall she comes back as one of the staff of the English Department.

Ronald Martland is working temporarily at the governmental buildings, Edmonton.

Marilda Clermont is finishing her business course.

Jack Ellis is working for the Orange Crush Company.

Cecil Edwards is with a lumber company.

Jim Manson is working with the University Department of Field Husbandry.

Mary Manson is spending the summer at home in Edmonton.

J. A. Anderson has gone on a visit to his home in England.

Grace Bard is teaching at Fort Assiniboine. Anne Bain is in the law office of Van Allen and Simpson, Edmonton.

Clarence Campbell is with the Woodland Dairy, Edmonton.

Neil Primrose is on a Dominion survey in the Saddle Lake district.

Campbell Hargrave is on the ranch at Walsh, Alberta.

Helen McQueen is at home in Edmonton.

The following despatch concerning C. L. Huskins, '23, appeared recently in the newspapers:

"London, May 23.—A discovery which may be of far-reaching consequence to practical agriculture and especially to the cultivation of oats, has been made by Leonard Huskins, according to announcement in the Daily Telegraph today. Working under Professor Gates, of the department of botany at King's college, Cambridge, on the subject of genetics and systology of oats, Mr. Huskins is said to have established the fact that 'fatuid' or 'false wild' oats are a special type of mutation brought about by a loss of hereditary material known as chromosomes, or by an interchange of certain portions of them. It is considered that as a result of Mr. Huskins' discovery the line of research for the total eradication of fatuoids should be fairly open. Mr. Huskins is holder of one of the three

scholarships offered annually in Canada by the permanent royal commission for the exhibition of 1851."

This year's graduating class in Medicine at McGill included the following former Alberta students: Archie Macaulay, B.A. '22; Alex. Simpson, B.A. '23; Harold Soby, Mark Levey, Arthur Haig, and Willard Haig. Arthur Haig won a gold medal.

Miss Dixie Pelluet, '19, who has been attending Bryn Mawr university, has gone to Nantuckett, Mass., where she will lecture at the biological station for six weeks, after which she will come to Edmonton to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pelluet, 11024 84th avenue. Miss Pelluet will later return to Bryn Mawr, where she is taking post graduate work, to continue her studies, having been awarded a fellowship in botany for the third year.

The engagement has been announced of Charles Richert, '25, to Miss Charlebois, of Edmonton. Congratulations, Charlie!

Miss Flo Moffat, '24, received a further degree at the recent Commencement exercises of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Dr. J. W. McKinney, '17, resigned from the Department of Health, Ottawa, last January, and went to Yonkers, U.S.A., to take charge of the organic work in the Research Laboratory of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation. He says: "I'm not sure whether the tetra-ethyl lead scare penetrated as far as Alberta, but

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the scare was chiefly in the newspapers, and ethyl gasoline will be on sale in every filling station inside two years—it is very much a coming game." Bill wonders whether there are any other U. of A. graduates in that part of the world, and how to get in touch with

them. His address is: Box 373, Yonkers, N.Y., U.S.A.

Alec Cook is spending the summer studying at Chicago, and we miss him on *The Trail*. His address for the summer is: Harvard Hotel, 5714 Blackstone Ave., Chicago.

Marriages, Births and Deaths

Marriages

BUCHANAN—DE SILVA—At Saskatoon on October 22, 1925, Helen Bravin, daughter of Mrs. W. B. De Silva of Winnipeg, was united in marriage with Nelles Victor Buchanan, LL.B., '21, son of the Reverend T. C. Buchanan, Edmonton.

FANJOY—McARTHUR—At Peterboro, Ont., on May 22nd, 1926, Eva McArthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McArthur, Edmonton, to William Fanjoy, B.Sc. '24, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fanjoy, Edmonton. They have made their home at 469 Gilmour Street, Peterboro.

STADE—ROGERS — At Edmonton, on May 14th, 1926, Florence, second daughter of Mr. W. A. Rogers, to Frederick John Stade, B.A. '26. Mr. and Mrs. Stade have made their home in Vermilion.

STEWART—CASTOR—At Edmonton, on June 1st, 1926, Jessie Irene Castor, B.A. '25,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Castor, to Frederick John Stewart, B.Sc. '25, son of the Hon. Charles Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will live in Peterboro for the summer, later going to Ottawa to reside.

Births

BECKER—At Edmonton, on May 15th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Becker, a daughter, Lucy Jane.

MOTHERSILL—At Edmonton, on March 26th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O. Mothersill, a son, Joseph Lloyd.

Deaths

STANTON—At Santa Monica, California, on Wednesday, May 19th, 1926, Mrs. Stanton, wife of Hugh E. Stanton, barrister, Edmonton.

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THE REGISTRAR



No. 17, October, 1926

THE TRAIL

Edmonton, Alberta

MR. McMILLAN'S letter in this issue should receive the serious consideration of every Alumnus of the University of Alberta. The small ratio of members in good standing to the total number of graduates is alarming, and without doubt constitutes a real menace to the successful existence of the Association. The suggested solution of the difficulty therefore deserves thoughtful examination, and should be adopted if no better remedy can be found.

At the present time lack of funds hampers the Council in performing its main functions, viz., in issuing *The Trail* and in maintaining contact with the Alumni. Our Association ought not to appeal to the University for assistance in these matters; rather it should be vigorous enough to be self-supporting, and in fact to be ready to render at least moral support to the advancement of our Alma Mater. *This desirable end could be attained* if the Alumni would adopt Mr. McMillan's suggestion since, as he points out, there are nearly twelve hundred people who have received degrees from the University of Alberta.

The fact that graduates living in cities where a branch exists could support the Association without affiliating with the branch does not constitute a real barrier to the proposed scheme, in the writer's opinion. Rather would it be a stimulus to branch executives to maintain their identity. When the Association as a whole stands to benefit by such an arrangement it is not likely that any group of members will oppose themselves to it. If each reader of these words will take

up his or her pen NOW to attack or defend the proposal there will be a real expression of opinion. Write to *The Trail* without delay. The welfare of the Association is at stake!

G. B. T.

PERHAPS it will be of interest to a number of the members of the Alumni Association—and it should be of deep concern to all—to know what the treasurer reported last May in regard to *paid-up* members. Here it is: General Association, 49; Edmonton Branch, 92; Vancouver Branch, 20; Calgary Branch, 16, making a grand total of paid-up members of 177.

When one considers that there are at least 1,100 living graduates of the University of Alberta and only 177 in good standing he cannot help but conclude that there is something radically wrong. The question is: What is it? If you, dear reader, can help to solve the problem—or think you can—of getting more fees and of injecting enthusiasm into our fellow graduates you will have helped the Council in its efforts to make the Association a live and growing body and will have brought honour and prestige to yourself.

LISTEN to this: "Few of our members appreciate the work the Council is doing, in fact very few know anything about it. I got quite a surprise when I attended their meeting in Edmonton, and found what a deep interest the Council took in the affairs of the Association and in the doings of the individual members." (From an alumnus letter.)

AS mentioned in the July issue of *The Trail*, President Tory was to conclude his discussion on Rural Credits in the third article which was to appear in this issue. Since the final decision of parliament has not been given on this important question, his article will not appear until some future date. It is hoped that this legislation will be dealt with and final decision reached by the present parliament when it convenes.

THE University librarian, Mr. D. E. Cameron, announces that the three files of *The News Letter* have been completed, and that thanks is due to those who assisted in the completion. The following numbers of *The Gateway* are still required: Volume 3, Number 2 (1 copy); Number 3 (2 copies); Number 5 (3 copies); Number 6 (3 copies); Number 8 (2 copies). Any member of the Association who has any knowledge of the above please communicate with the Librarian.

FOLLOWING the suggestion offered by Mr. Rudd in the November, 1925, issue of *The Trail*, the Association Council decided to publish the Alumni paper four times a year, between October and July. As a result the editorial staff is called upon to do more work; therefore the editor makes an appeal to the members of the Association to send in material including articles and news and to give help in the way of constructive criticism and suggestions.

THE editor regrets that he has found it necessary to place before the Association Council his resignation. At the October meeting of the Council, Mr. D. J. W. Oke, B.A. '26, was appointed to fill the position thus vacated. Mr. Oke will be responsible for the January and subsequent issues of *The Trail* for the year ending June 30th. *The Trail* is particularly fortunate in securing for editor a graduate who has such splendid capabilities and varied experiences.

THREE BOOKS ON AMERICA

J. F. C. Fuller: *Atlantis, America and the Future.*

C. H. Bretherton: *Midat, or the United States and the Future.*

Douglas Woodruff: *Plato's Americian Republic.*

These three little books, which have appeared in quick succession in the "Today and Tomorrow" series of pamphlets so brilliantly inaugurated by *Daedalus*, *Icarus*, and *Tantalus*, are sure to attract a good deal of attention. The mind of Europe is pretty much occupied with America at the present moment, and, as Rudyard Kipling is finding out, the treading is not any too good even for angels.

To take the first, the most caustic and least weighty of the books, Colonel Fuller tells us in *Atlantis* that as a school-boy he had pretty well made up his mind about America, and now that he has spent six whole weeks in the United States and Canada, he knows that he was right. The Colonel sprinkles his book liberally with

classical names, but his aim is not classical at all, but almost startlingly Western. He is out to tell the cock-eyed world that it is better to be a wild goat on the Acropolis than a tin-can king in Madison Square. His six weeks sufficed to inform him fully on things American; he knows all about the crime, the crooked customs officers, the blatant journalism, the beautiful women, and the crazy laws of the States; he lists the American Gods, reads the country's destiny, and casually discovers in the Middle West a Serbonian bog of ignorance, as dark as it is immense. He has the Monkey Trial, the jewification of New York, and the importance of the village pump down pat, and delivers his opinion roundly in good Berserker style. He intriguingly compares himself

to Jason and Columbus; he does not quite say it, but he came to the States to get an earful, and seems to have got it.

Plato's *American Republic* is, like *Atlantis*, very good reading. The Woodruff of the "great open spaces" does not disappoint us. He must have kept his eyes and ears open during his short visit to this continent, for he has not only many fresh and taking remarks to make, but here and there gets home with a piece of very acute criticism. He has lots of fun in telling Socrates give his story of his lecturing tour through the States, and makes brilliant play with America's speed, its production mania, its business men's clubs, its frank worship of magnitude and numbers, its prohibition, and so on. Beneath all the fun lies a solid appreciation of many aspects of American life. His remarks on the regiment of women show acute observation, as do his analysis of the influence of the manufacturing north, and his reading of the results of the civil war. Mr. Woodruff will make no enemies, even among the people he pokes his fun at, and the worst that even the president of the Hootsville Business Men's Club will say of him is that he is a young rascal. The dialogue lapses now and then into trivialities, but is entertaining throughout, and that cannot be said of all books.

Mr. Bretherton, in his *Midas*, is more serious than either of the others, having lived too long in the States to be able to indulge in any of the "first fine careless raptures" of the six-weeks observer. His views are studied, and somewhat sombre. He speculates on what America will become when the Revolution blood has given place entirely to the admixture that has flowed in in the last century, and sees an America that has forgotten its connection with Europe; government will finally be given over to specialists, and the busy citizen will not have the bother either of enduring the pains of bad government or of periodical cleansing of the stables; questions of creed and conduct will be settled by the majority, and the readiness with which the American falls into step with his crowd will lead to the time when conformity is virtue. Some

matters of conduct have been settled already by constitution vote, and if necessary matters of thought will follow. The fundamentalist controversy may be settled by putting the Bible in the constitution; the citizen may then go about his legitimate business. Mr. Bretherton does not anticipate that America will approximate by degrees to European interpretations of life; it will be the reverse, and Europe will follow in the path in which America has had a long start. He does not see from what quarter the barbarian hordes will come that will give the continent a fresh start.

These three books, entertaining as they are, raise the suspicion that none of them anywhere touches bottom. It is almost easier to feel immediately at home in strange quarters than in a familiar room that has been changed, and the changed look on the face of familiar things makes it hard for the European to appreciate the inwardness of American life. In this, as in comparative study of religion, serious fallacies and misjudgments arise. A religion in form strikingly different from ours may have great common content; resemblances may cover vast divergence. American civilization can not be judged from European standards, perhaps not even by an European. It can only be read from within, and is to be judged by its independent human value, and not by its accidental or imitative possession of the marks which have characterized the civilization of Europe. It is fatally easy to define the marks of the true church so as to rule one's own church in and all others out.

The fundamental fact about American civilization is that it is the product almost entirely of elected Europeans set in a new environment. All who came had to shake themselves foot-free from the ties of the old land; their courage or their need had to be equal to the strain. The new land offered this selected group almost unrestricted freedom, and freedom is the most fruitful cause of variation in human conduct. The new country had no past to dream about, and attached no rewards to the life of reflection. Its rewards were all attached to action on ma-

terial things. The American has thrown into this his energies of body and mind, has done it so wholeheartedly that his moral interests have been involved. The manly part has been to buckle down and forge ahead; his hope has been the hope of success; his thrills of pride and satisfaction have come from tasks accomplished. Material things are more tractable than things immaterial, so he has had little to check his feeling of self-reliance and optimism. His world is full of others like himself, towards whom he feels as one soldier in uniform does to another — hence his brotherliness, his clubs, his philanthropy, and his kind treatment of strangers.

He is tempted, perhaps, to think that all problems that may confront him are amenable to the method that has yielded him his chief success, and attributes to constitutions and acts of legislature the miraculous powers of his mechanical creations. He is laughed at by Europeans who do not understand him for his reverence for size and numbers, but this, too, has inwardness, or spiritual meaning. He knows the significance of the unit, for he has helped there, and the triumph of the million makes him exult. He is right in this, for this is spiritual vision, and only the unintelligent will keep laughter on tap for him. If he is wrong, it is in his estimation of the unit, or in the disproportion between his respect for quantity and his desire for quality. Having come successfully through the years of development without conscious dependence on the sanctions of the old countries, he tends to develop his own when he finds the need of them; hence the original sects he fosters, and his trust in majority opinions, which are as funny to the European as the first velocipede was to the man who rode Dobbin. The inwardness of them is to be found in the fact that the American does not feel the "cultural control" of old things, but insists on the forthright personal reaction on the universe. This may be one of the brightest openings offered by this civilization.

Our Englishmen err greatly when they say the American has no use for

liberty. He has a different angle on it only; his eye is on liberty to pursue his own work without diversions or hindrances, and the question of liberty to get drunk in peace does not fill his eye.

It has often been said that Presbyterianism is not a religion, but a disease, and there is more than a successful jibe in the saying. Similarly, Santayana tells us that to be an American is of itself almost a moral condition, and a career. When the first enthusiasm of material success comes to seem less satisfying, and accidia overtakes them as it fell on the Middle Ages, with its strained emphasis on spiritual routine, the Americans will of themselves make the required corrections, and a rounded civilization will appear, native, independent and spontaneous.

America is young, as civilizations go, and criticism from the security of old lands is a pleasant occupation, but one day America will see clearly which way she wants to go, and the sight of her going will make the old gods sit up.

D. E. CAMERON.



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RECORD

By KEMPER H. BROADUS, M.A. '23.

This is a tale of the adventures of two Oxford students, in their effort to break the canoe record from Oxford to London. That one of these students should have been an Anglo-Irishman seems an unwarranted invasion of the sanctity of Father Thames: that the other should have been a Canadian is the sheerest impertinence.

I first met Denys over teacups in the room of a young Bermudan. By virtue of the Irish blood in him, he was a natural teller of good tales, and for this occasion he had a noble one—a recounting of his wanderings by canoe from Oxford to Teddington Lock, just above London. He and the Bermudan had paddled for thirty-one hours, he said, down flooded

ways, passing through innumerable locks, checking their unwieldy craft against the pull of many weirs and side-streams of the elaborate Thames water system. His companion had had enough of it, but he—well, the record for the trip was twenty-nine hours, fifty minutes, and he was sure that somebody ought to break it. He had already snared me, had he but known it, even without pressing upon me the fascinations of a record so obviously there for the breaking. We went out and pledged ourselves to the attempt in good Mitre ale. There was to be no easy going this time—no chance-chosen canoe and no soft muscles. I began to feel that I had rather let myself in for something.



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That thought recurred more than once during the weeks that followed—grueling weeks, when every afternoon saw us paddling vigorously, working for unison in the long slow drive of the paddle that lifts a canoe forward with such apparent ease.

"Ye streams of Oxford, our moist Oxford, say

Have ye not seen us paddling every day?"

No Falstaffian lighter this time, but sixteen feet of Canadian canoe, strong, light, and fast; picked with anxious care from some twenty of its fellows, and powered by Canadian-made paddles, long, thin, and springy, so different from the young oak logs which are part of the equipment of most hire canoes in the old country.

The first day of the vacation saw us in the midst of the final preparations—the making of sandwiches in incredible numbers, the purchasing of milk and chocolate, and the arrangement of an electric headlight—for we were to start at night, thinking—somewhat mistakenly, as it turned out—that we knew the upper part of the river, and so could conserve our daylight for the end of the journey. After nightfall a few friends came down with us to see the start, and to make a note of the time of starting.

At eight o'clock of a windless, moonlit night we shoved off from below the dark arches of Folly Bridge and moved comfortably downstream through the silvered water. There was no hurry—that would come later. Now, with our muscles fresh and moving easily, we could spare the energy to look about us. One impression came then that remained vivid for many months after—the feeling of dark silence and peace, through which the river, awake and whispering, was tunnelling its way. Out of this silence grew the mutter of broken water at Iffley Lock—then the grating of our boat on the rollers, and, a moment later, the toss and reel of the weir where it strikes back into the parent stream, the swirling water brightened for a moment by the swinging beam of our little headlight. Then the silence closed round us again.

By daylight these waters would have been familiar. Even at night a few landmarks remained, pale in the white moonlight—a haystack looming where, many harvests ago, there might have stood another, forage for the horses of the cavalier troops stationed at Oxford, that home of all lost causes. There are still royalists among the students—earnest youth who gather to take port together in the evenings in honour of the King—no foreigner, mark you, but the rightful Stuart, who "shall enjoy his own again" in the happy future. Strange enthusiasts, these, whose cavalier convictions usually blossom only under the influence of the tradition of the colleges whose plate was melted down to swell the shrinking coffers of the royalists. Some of the swagger of the type remains with them: they prefer wine to the sadder ale, and have learned to shout "God send this Crum-well down!"

A river, easily navigated in good light, becomes a confused and malevolent thing after the moon has set. There are no lights—lock-keepers are long since in bed, and there are wet pitfalls for the feet of the unwary. Unwary I must have been, for in the small hours of the night I stepped off the lip of the tow-path waist-deep into icy water. Denys was unkind enough to be highly amused: the things I said seemed to please him. I have heard him use some of them since, shamelessly and without quotation marks.

There is a time in the early morning, about an hour before the first light comes, when the night seems blacker than ever before. There is no moon; the stars are growing tired of their vigils, and the water and banks and trees are all one dreadful darkness, shadowless and without guiding outlines. Our headlight chose this time to die. The spare battery, soaked with water shipped in an unusually rough weir-stream some miles back, was useless. We blundered, hopelessly lost, ramming the mud and reeds of the low banks. Denys grunted disgustedly as he shoved us off for the fifth time.

"What the devil's the good of this?" he demanded. "Let's have a nap."

So we lay and shivered through the

hour when vitality is lowest, and wished we had never been born. But slowly the darkness drew back, and the first pale dawn of the new day showed in the east. We took heart again, and breakfasted on ham sandwiches, and milk cold enough to wrinkle the stomach of an Eskimo. The town of Reading, roughly a half-way point in the trip, appeared a few miles away, and we celebrated with cigarettes the realization that we were, in spite of delays, a few minutes ahead of schedule.

By this time we had reached the point of fatigue beyond which there is no coherent thought. What impressions remain are wholly disjointed: scattered images, with no sense of time to place them. There was a great dam and lock system above Henley, where Denys had narrowly escaped disaster on his previous trip. We decided to take it comfortably—we were weary of portages and weirs by that time. "Lock ahoy! Lock-a-lock-a-lock!" The big gates swung wide, then

closed behind us, and we sank slowly down to the new level. The gates before us opened, and we shoved stiffly out into the lower stream. Henley itself appeared a little town of red-tiled roofs clustering along the shore to our left. The edge of the stream was lined with moored pleasure craft, deserted now, but soon to be crowded almost to sinking with spectators of the regatta.

From Henley to Windsor I can remember nothing save a mile-long stretch where the wind, dead astern for once, shoved us along without the aid of paddles. Then Windsor itself, where the banks are lined with trees, and where we portaged across a narrow island, to drop the canoe over a concrete lip six feet down to the stream. She lost a little varnish here.

The lower reaches of the Thames, wide and wind-swept, with long stretches that tempted us to speed. I remember that we were very tired then, and that we grunted as the paddles dug deep, and

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that the blades splashed us as they ticked small wave-tops. Then sunset beyond a row of cottages: darkness, lights along the shore, and the joy of going through the last lock.

The last stretch of water above Teddington was, if I remember rightly, supposed to be five miles long, but the miles lengthened interminably, and the paddles were very heavy. We were swinging automatically now, and the canoe seemed lifeless, dragging as if towing a log of wood. Several times lights in the distance seemed to promise the end, only to become the windows of cottages as we neared them. When the lock at Ted-

dington finally appeared, it came as a distinct shock, like the breaking of a dream.

There is a little pub called the Fisherman's Arms a few blocks from the Teddington landing place, where we ordered whiskey, and later hot soup and beds. In that pub occurred the only accident of the trip. Denys, having been brought up in the English fashion, took a bath before going to bed, and—superb anticlimax—fell asleep in it, and narrowly escaped drowning!

The trip had taken us twenty-five hours.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Every Alberta Graduate is requested to answer the following questions, tear out this sheet and send it to the Treasurer, Alumni Association, University of Alberta, Edmonton:

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GULL BANDING IN ALBERTA

By JACK LEHMANN, B.Sc. '25.

Did you ever hear of the Franklin gull? He's a most beautiful bird, with an unbeautiful song, and most unbeautiful children. All authorities to the contrary. Perhaps I do the baby gulls an injustice, but as the day wore on and the heat didn't those wretched little squirming beasts became more and more unpleasant. More of that later. To begin with, it should be stated that Professor Rowan had an idea. In brief, it consisted of the following: thousands of gulls—Beaverhills lake—ten thousand bands and a few dozen enterprising students. Now when this idea was properly put together it meant that on one July morning about a dozen of the enterprising youngsters (including several members of the University staff) bounced away over the Tofield road bent on banding the young Franklin gulls. "Banding," as we learned later, meant chasing a baby gull—or more often a not so baby one, catching the thing, and placing on its leg an aluminium band. Each band was stamped with, "Notify Biol. Surv., Washington, D.C." and a number. The numbers had been carefully recorded. You see it now? Any banded gull which came to grief would furnish a clue to the migratory habits of its colony, provided always that someone found the unfortunate bird and sent the metal ring to Washington.

Arrived at the lake, we decided unanimously that a swim was the most important thing—wonderful beach at the bird reserve. Then, after a meal, we donned our various wading costumes. It can safely be said that no two were alike. The only essential was a pocket to hold the packages of bands, and most of us wore just that. Those who had been on a previous trip included a hat; shoes were optional, we began with them, but after a few steps found ourselves not only shoeless, but sockless as well.

From our camp it was only a few hundred yards to the gulls' breeding

ground which comprised a bay, a nice shallow bay where the reeds grow tall, and the foot or two of water conceals several feet of mud—cool, oozy mud. It was in the reeds that the young gulls lived, and into the reeds we went. At first it was easy; splash after a gull, catch it, and hunt for another. But as we worked towards the far end of the bay the birds were more often encountered and no sooner was one breathless chase completed than another began. Have you ever tried chasing an actively swimming young gull through two feet of mud and one foot of water? It's most amazingly awkward. Water from the knees up, mire from the knees down, and every now and again one foot sticks fast; sit in the mud if lucky, lie in it if not, bound to be soaked anyway. In the really populous regions gulls were much more numerous and the openings in the reeds were larger. There it was necessary to hold three or four wriggling birds in one hand while the other groped for the metal rings. But that was not so bad as floundering after an older youngster, chasing him through several lanes of open water, and falling on him triumphant only to find that some other "bander" had already handled him. There was a very real temptation in such cases to slip a band on the other foot as well.

After an hour or so we abandoned individual efforts. Marshalled in line formation, we waded slowly through the reeds driving ahead of us hundreds of the baby gulls. Then when a sandy stretch of shore was reached, one end of the line curved in, forcing the birds up on the open ground. There we pounced on them. They were courageous little beggars once cornered, hissing and snapping at the hands that grasped them, and more often than not, closing their harmless little beaks on their own wildly

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THE FLYING MERCURY

The class of 1926 has done the University the great favor and itself the signal honor of presenting to its Alma Mater, by way of graduating gift, a very fine copy of Giovanni da Bologna's *Flying Mercury*; *The Trail* provides a photograph herewith. It is proposed that this statuette—in bronze, by the way, like its original—shall occupy one of those two semi-circular recesses in the entrance-hall of the Arts building which have long awaited, I shall not say occupants, but suitable occupants.

The work in question, the *Flying Mercury*, is a sixteenth century production, and hence far removed in time from the Classic and Golden Ages of Greek art, but in conception and execution it deserves to rank with the achievements of antiquity; in sixteenth century Italy this was a possibility as it had not been for nearly two thousand years. "Les vrais dieux," says Anatole France, "rappelés de leur long exil, revenaient habiter la terre," and it was natural that a child of the Italian Renaissance should so successfully body forth one of them again.

The statuette represents Mercury (Hermes) poised on one foot; the foot rests, by a quaint conceit, on the very lips of a wind-god, as if the messenger deity were just being launched into the air with a favoring puff. It is a projection in bronze of the description furnished by Vergil in the fourth Aeneid (II.238-245) where the god is shown with ankle-wings (*talaria*) and herald's wand (*virga*) setting forth to deliver Aeneas, who dallies at Carthage, the will of Jupiter that he depart.

The original, much smaller than our copy, rests in the Bargello at Florence, where it receives the just admiration of the thousands. For it was in Florence that the Frenchman, Jean Boulogne, a native of Douai (1524), settled down in 1553 for more than a half century of service to the beautiful city by the Arno, a service interrupted only for short intervals by commissions calling him to Pisa, Genoa, and Bologna. So thoroughly did he become identified with the city of his choice that his very name took on the flowing glory of the Tresean speech, and he became Giovanni da Bologna.

In that same 'city of the soul,' and a very short distance from the Bargello, will be found in the Piazza della Signoria his powerful equestrian statue of Cosimo dé Medici, also in bronze, and in the immediately adjacent Lóggia dei Lanzi his *Rape of the Sabine Women*, in marble. These alone would constitute Giovanni what Carlyle might be imagined calling in his careful Scotch fashion "a very considerable artist."

To the halls of the University of Alberta the generosity of the class of 1926 has brought a most creditable copy of an important work of this master, and those of us who are to have the daily privilege of enjoying its beauty—a beauty of bold conception and unfaltering technique—are infinitely grateful. To create for ourselves that atmosphere of beauty which is the heritage of the Old World is an immense task, but it is just that much less the immense for having been happily begun.

WILLIAM HARDY ALEXANDER.

GULL BANDING IN ALBERTA

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flapping feet. It took but a second to slip on the band, close it, and snatch up another gull.

When at last we came staggering back to camp many and violent were the resolutions passed. Many of the party vowed by a surprisingly varied number

of saints never to enter the reeds again; but even these, the most weary, revived wonderfully under the influence of tea, and we dropped off to sleep with only a mild aversion for the next day's work. It was a lovely night in spite of the hopeless optimists who persisted in crawling out every hour or so to make sure of seeing the dawn. They need not

have bothered really—Professor Rowan was more than equal to that job. Several hours before that unwanted spectacle arrived we were routed from our blankets, more bands were pressed into our reluctant hands, and with many lamentations we shivered into our still damp clothes.

During the night the water had grown colder, the mud had grown deeper, and the gulls had become more active. Several hours of work followed, not so tiring this time. We had served our apprenticeship, and now regarded ourselves as experts. Instead of groping frenziedly for a lost shoe we merely discarded the other and went merrily on—until we trod on an old reed root. The morning went very slowly nevertheless, and as the sun climbed higher we felt the old distaste for the work returning. Just when further chasing seemed an impossibility, the final

“drive” was organized. Unfortunately many of the workers had already disappeared in the direction of the camp; only four or five remained. Such things are details. I would like to say, “the indefatigable energy of the survivors . . .,” and so on. In reality, all that mattered was that every step brought us nearer camp, and if the wretched gulls wanted to swim ahead that was their misfortune. We caught them all eventually.

With the banding completed our spirits rose again. Breakfast came before anything, of course, and then the luxurious lazing in the shade of the tent. We had worked, we had been fairly driven by our tireless leader, but when it was all over and we could look back at our labor, it had all been most wonderful fun. And now if any one suggests gull banding to me again, I’ll start out with exactly the same joyful anticipation.

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CAMPUS NOTES

Once more the beginning of things with initiatory ceremonies over and done with. An increasing hostility on the part of the undergraduates to such annual performances came to a head in a resolution submitted to the Union to the following effect:

"Resolved, that initiation as at present practised at the University of Alberta be abolished.

"That a committee of twelve students be appointed forthwith to bring to this Union a complete recommendation covering future practices in the admission of freshmen to campus and academic activities."

We are glad to report that the resolution was adopted with a three to one vote, by the 400 members present.

President and Mrs. Tory are at present in Japan, President Tory bearing Canada's greetings to the triennial Pan-

Pacific Congress, which is being held at Tokio during November.

The University keeps apace with the times. The new garage is just finished, a low-lying building in behind the power plant. The frame buildings behind Athabasca Hall have been demolished, and the carpenters now keep their tools in a frame building attached to the new garage.

Professor Rowan, of the Department of Zoology, has recently received a grant from the Royal Society in recognition of his work on bird migration.

Early in September a life-sized portrait in oils of Dr. R. G. Brett, former lieutenant governor of Alberta, was presented to the University on behalf of the Medical Faculty.

It is good to see Mr. Race about the halls again. He is not yet able to resume work as Registrar, but is giving his lectures in Accountancy as usual. Professor

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Sheldon is acting Registrar in the meantime.

Mr. Lowell Thomas, whose Alma Mater includes the Universities of Indiana, Denver, Chicago and Princeton, was a guest of honor of the Edmonton Branch of the Alumni Association of the University of Alberta during his recent stay in Edmonton. In his after-luncheon address he gave many incidents of his association with Colonel Lawrence and General Allenby. He spoke briefly of his recent world flight, and emphasized the value of aviation to Canada.

A. E. Cameron, Associate Professor of Mining Engineering, received the D.Sc. degree in June at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Professor and Madame Sonet are back from France after a six months' absence during which time Professor Sonet received the Doctorate at the University of Rennee.

Chicago had quite an Alberta colony this summer. Among those present were: Miss Misener, Miss E. Deadman, Miss S. Dowding, Miss E. Prevey, Miss Hughes, Miss G. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lazerte, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook, J. R. Fryer, G. H. Steer and R. McQueen. Mr. Owen received the Doctorate during the summer, and has been appointed to an Associate Professorship in German.

Mr. W. M. Drummond, who resigned from the Department of Economics last year to leave for further study, has been succeeded by J. F. Day, a graduate of the University of Chicago.

The latest acquisition to the University is a Radio Broadcasting Studio! Thus do we keep up to date in everything that is worth while. As in the case of other modern inventions (such as the "movies") the educational value of radio was not at first apparent. It is now becoming increasingly evident, however, that a new and very effective method of taking the University to the people has been discovered.

The University of Alberta through its Department of Extension made arrangements with the Edmonton Journal station CJCA in the fall of 1925 for broadcasting

privileges, and in December last the first of a series of Monday evening lectures was given. This lecture program has been continued practically without interruption up to the present, and further arrangements were recently made for an expansion of the program.

This involved the provision of a studio, the principal difficulty in the furnishing of which was the necessity of a good piano. Through the kindness of Mr. Davis, of the Heintzman Piano Co.'s Edmonton Branch, this difficulty was overcome, and on Monday evening, Oct. 11th, an inaugural program of a high standard was broadcast. This included an opening address by Hon. Perren Baker, Minister of Education, other speakers being Rev. Bro. Rogation, Principal of the new St. Joseph's College on the University grounds, and A. E. Otte- well, Director of the Department of Extension. A good musical program was also presented, and a news bulletin of University activities. The latter feature,

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it is hoped, will be broadcast every week. This should be popular with the Alumni, serving to bring to mind old scenes and pleasant memories. The University of Alberta studio will "go on the air" at 8:30 each Monday evening until further notice.

Registration this year is a little to the good side, being about 20 ahead of last year. Enrollment in the professional faculties is very satisfactory, there being for example 30 students in first year medicine and but a few less in first-year engineering.

The work on St. Joseph's College goes forward steadily, the outside brickwork being about completed.

The Provincial Government has granted a loan of \$20,000 to the University towards the erection of a covered skating rink, the money to be repaid in annual instalments by the students. The rink will be ready for December 15th, and is being built on 112th Street between 83rd and 84th Avenues.

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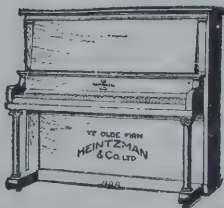
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Professor Stansfield, Research Professor in Fuels, has been appointed Provincial Representative to the Conference on Bituminous Coals, to be held at Pittsburgh, November 15-19, under the auspices of the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

B.C. vs. ALBERTA

This year the British Columbia Canadian Rugby Union entered the Western Canada Union. University of Alberta, winning the Alberta title by default, goes to B.C. to play on the 13th of November. Their opponents will be Victoria, but the game will be played in Vancouver.

NOTICE

The University Dramatic Society is starting a scrap book of all the available programs and press comments of all the dramatic productions at the University since its foundation. Any members of the Alumni Association or other readers of **The Trail** who desire to assist in the compilation of the book, are invited to send contributions to Don MacKenzie, care of the University Post Office.

A valuable contribution of twenty-four programs from Mr. John T. Jones has done much to assist the society in its aim, but the collection is still, of course, far from complete. In case programs or criticisms are being kept as personal souvenirs, the Dramat would welcome even copies of the sacred relics.

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Miss A. A. Anderson, '21 and '23.

L. K. Blain, '21 and '23.

J. Boyd, '21.

A. C. Bradford, '24.

Miss T. Butchart, '22.

N. Chrishop, '24.

A. Donaldson, '22.

S. Edworthy, '22.

J. D. Ferguson, '24.

G. L. Flack, '19 and '20.

L. Good, '22.

M. E. Jean-Richard, '23.

H. C. Johnston, '22.

G. R. Johnson, '23.

Miss E. Lake, '20.

C. Laws, '25.

S. Leonard, '19.

R. Lillico, '20.

Miss D. MacLean, '24.

W. J. MacLeod, '23 and '24.

W. R. McDougall, '21.

R. B. MacGillivray, '20.

Mrs. R. McIntyre (née Sybil Sprung)
'21.

D. M. McRae, '24.

J. E. Meagher, '21.

G. M. Miller, '26.

L. H. Manzer, '21.

M. B. Palmer, '23.

G. C. Paterson, '24.

D. F. Pegrum, '22, '24.

S. C. Robinson, '23.

C. E. Ruddy, '24.

J. Russell, '22.

S. H. Sands, '20.

S. Sawula, '22.

E. Smith, '18, '24.

W. G. Saltau, '20.

Mrs. R. B. Stillman, '19.

N. M. Stewart, '23.

Rev. D. M. Thompson, '18.

G. E. Thompson, '24.

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Miss Ruth Williams, '21.

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THE LITERARY JACKPOT

As the name suggests, this corner of *The Trail* will welcome contributions from any graduates concerning things literary. Reviews should not exceed 250 words.

Pioneering in the Prairie West, by W. C. Pollard (Nelson & Sons).—We recommend this publication to all who are seeking rudimentary information on the settlement and present problems of our western provinces. The author tells us that "the world now wants to know the kind of people who made the country, how they lived, how they dressed, how they conducted society for social intercourse, and what they did for amusement and recreation." Accordingly he gleans from his own experience at Fort Saskatchewan, where he came as a boy with the Parry Sound colony "that settled near Edmonton, N.W.T., in the early nineties."

Mr. Pollard is at present a solicitor in the town of Uxbridge, Ontario, was called to the bar in Alberta in 1912, and got his LL.B. in 1916, after which he practised law in Calgary.—J.A.

Lolly Willowes or *The Loving Huntsman*, by Sylvia Townsend Warner (New York: The Viking Press, 1926, \$2.00).—An interesting little study of the psychology of a "surplus" woman who makes erratic attempts to live her own life in spite of her all-pervading family. The book is pleasing in style and affords us glimpses of quaint village life in England, but on the whole we cannot agree with Christopher Morley's verdict that it is "a remarkable little novel; that most pungent and cordially satisfying kind of thing that one hugs to one's tenderest rib and thinks gloatingly how few readers will really get it." We feel that we are not numbered among this favored few; for us Laura loses her reality and much of her charm when she begins her vague dealings with the unconvincing Satan of the story.—G.H.T.

Hypatia or *Woman and Knowledge*, Mrs. Bertrand Russell.—One of the little series *Today and Tomorrow*. An answer to *Lysistrata*, by Ludovici the anti-feminist. For the most part Mrs. Rus-

sell's points seem to be well taken, and any over emphasis may be pardoned in face of the prehistoric views of her opponent.—G.H.T.

In *Roman Pictures*, by Percy Lubbock, the scene is laid in the Eternal City, but the actors are the eternally human whose little pomps and vanities might be equally well displayed in any other part of the globe. Yet somehow, through all the humor of the sketches, a very real impression of Rome does emerge, though figures as to dates, heights of towers, etc., are not forthcoming. The view we get from Teresa's balcony in the Via Della Purificazione is none the less vivid for being incidental.—G.H.T.

The unfinished state of Conrad's novel *Suspense* gives the title a peculiar signi-

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fiance. No one will ever know now to a certainty the destination of that mysterious felucca in the harbor of Genoa to which the ancient boatman, as his last earthly act, guided the little boat. Like the old boatman's, the master writer's star is now out, but unlike his, there are many to miss it from the sky and mourn its departure.—G.H.T.

Two books published by The Atlantic Monthly Press: *My African Neighbors*, by Hans Coudenhove, and *African Clearings*, by Jean Kenyon McKenzie, are a pleasant contrast to most travel books of recent date, both in style and matter. They represent the findings of many years actually lived in the parts of the dark continent with which they deal, rather than the superficial observations of tourists. Miss McKenzie's style is perhaps deliberately unusual, but there is a haunting quality to her work, especially in such a sketch as "Exile and the Post-

man," which takes one into the very atmosphere of the tropical forests. The unassuming simplicity of Coudenhove's more scientific version has its own attraction. Essays from both these books appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly* previous to their collection in book form.—G.H.T.

The Little French Girl by Anne Sedgewick.—Woven about the appealing figure of the *Little French Girl* who as a lonely little visitor was sent to England from her beloved France, is a charming and quite serious study of the French and the English character. In this study the author is continually stimulating an enquiring attitude toward social convention and the accepted values of right and wrong. But the book is by no means a treatise. It is most of all the story of how Alex grows up in understanding because of an unshakable loyalty to her mother and a great love for her friend, Giles.—M.H.G.

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THE LETTER BOX

163 Sanford Ave. N.,
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Aug. 2nd, 1926.

The Editor of *The Trail*,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton.

Dear Sir:

While in Edmonton recently I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Council of the Alumni Association. When the other business of the meeting was finished I opened a short discussion regarding membership and membership fees. Following the discussion I was asked by the Council to write to *The Trail* repeating the arguments and suggestions made at the Council meeting. Hence this letter.

According to the present constitution a branch member in good standing pays a yearly fee of one dollar, which is forwarded to the treasurer of the central association, plus whatever sum the branch decides to assess each branch member for the operation of the branch. In the Edmonton and Calgary branches the assessment is one dollar, making the membership fee two dollars. A member, living where there is no branch, becomes a "member at large" in good standing by payment of a yearly fee of two dollars to the central association.

The total membership of the association is approximately eleven hundred and fifty, of whom, I believe, only about one hundred and fifty are in good standing. The large majority of members in good standing are branch members. The small ratio of members in good standing to total members is due, I think, to two reasons. First, *The Trail* is sent to all members whether in good standing or not; second, the fee for members-at-large

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is out of proportion to what they receive.

Until this year it has been necessary to send *The Trail* to all members of the association, as the advertisers are guaranteed a circulation of one thousand copies. With the addition of Class '26 to the association it is now possible to meet this guarantee without sending *The Trail* to all members, and with each succeeding year this will become easier. In this way the first of the reasons previously mentioned can be gradually eliminated.

Referring to the second reason, it is obviously unfair that branch members and members-at-large should pay the same fees, in fact, under the constitution it would be quite possible for branch members to pay smaller fees than members-at-large. The members-at-large receive only *The Trail* and the ballot paper, and they do not have the privileges of the meetings or associations which the branch members have.

Apart from general operating expenses, the central executive has two financial responsibilities, namely, *The Trail* and the banquet to the graduating class. The banquet should be, and is, entirely self-supporting. Part of the cost of *The Trail* is met by the revenue from advertising. The fees of the central association should therefore be sufficient to cover the general operating expenses and part of the cost of *The Trail*. If the number of members in good standing could be materially increased a yearly fee of one dollar would be ample, in my opinion, for the above purpose.

In view of the foregoing I suggest that the constitution be amended to allow members to become "members-at-large in good standing" upon payment to the central association of a yearly fee of one dollar. If a member lives where there is a branch he, or she, could either join the central association as a member-at-large having no branch affiliation or, by paying the branch assessment in addition to the one dollar to be forwarded to the central executive, become a branch member in good standing. This change, coupled with sending *The Trail* to members in good standing only, would result, I think, in the desired increase in the number of such members.

This proposed change in yearly membership fees would necessitate a change in the life membership fees. In this connection, I think that life membership should be in the central association only, and that the fee should be twenty dollars. A life member could become affiliated with any branch by paying yearly the branch fees.

I have gone to considerable length in an endeavor to make clear my suggestions and the reasons underlying them. I trust this letter will not be too long for publication, and I hope that it will arouse the interest of other members sufficiently to cause several of them to write *The Trail* commenting or improving on the suggestions I have made.

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SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

Marjorie Sherlock, B.A. '26, is lecturing at the University in the Department of English.

Joe O'Brien, LL.B. '26, is representing Wood & White in Leduc, and Val Milvain, '26, is articulated with Vertue & Patterson in Lethbridge.

Marion Gimbey, '26 is teaching history in the High School at Red Deer.

Neil Primrose, '26, is articulated with Friedman & Lieberman.

C. O. Asplund, B.S.A. '26, is teaching in the Agricultural school at Raymond.

J. A. MacDonald, B.Sc. '24, left Hamilton for Northern Ontario, and is working for a pulp and paper mill contractor. Kapustasing is his stopping place.

L. S. MacDonald, '15, is with the Hamilton Bridge Company.

Susie McLennan, B.Sc. '22, Physical Instructor at Mt. Vernon High school, Washington, paid a visit to Edmonton friends during the past summer.

Grace Stewart, M.A. '20, Ph.D. (Chicago), paid a visit to Edmonton during the summer and looked up old acquaintances. Dr. Stewart is connected with the department of geometry at the Ohio State University.

Gladys Buchanan Morgan and daughter Helen are spending the winter in Los Angeles, California.

Marion Cato, '26, and Lilian Cram, '24, report a wonderful trip through England, France, Greece and Italy. Marion is on the teaching staff of Eastwood High school, Edmonton, and Lilian is at the King Edward.

Margaret McAllister, '16 has joined the Technical High school staff at Edmonton.

Morrison Watts, '26, is on the faculty of Crescent Heights High, Calgary.

Ethel Cobb, '26, is teaching in the High School at Macleod.

Eva Jagoe, '26, is teaching in the High School at Didsbury.

Grace Atkinson, '26, is teaching in the High School at Olds.

Jean Auger is in the lab. of the Calgary General Hospital.

Kathleen Ferguson has torn herself away from sunny California, and is back in Calgary again. She is in the office of the firm of Doctors McEachern, Merriitt, McCalla, etc.

Miss Lillian Cobb is back in Paris at the Sorbonne, working towards a doctorate.

Fred Young, '15, is teaching at the Technical School, Calgary.

George Robinson, whom some of us remember in his official capacity in Math. 3, is teaching at the C.C.I.

Mamie Silverthorne and Georgie Thomson are on the staff of the Calgary Public Library.

Calgary asks: "I wonder what's become of Charlie, that old president of ours." Nobody seems to know. He hasn't been seen since Western Canada College was disbanded.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker are back in Calgary, living at 1324 12th Ave. W.

Alf Clarke, Arts and Sc. '24, and Dunc Thomas, Ag. '25, are this year entering upon the last lap of their race for the M.Sc. in genetics and plant breeding.

Margaret C. Archibald, Arts '22, is in New York City. Her address is 140 Claremont Avenue. Miss Archibald sent her fees from New York. How about it, Calgary and Edmonton?

Wilf Robinson, '26, spent the summer in the plant breeding section of the Department of Field Husbandry, and is beginning his graduate studies in genetics this fall.

E. C. Stacey, Arts and Sc. '24, continued during the summer his survey of the native grasses of the Peace River country, and plans to present a report to the Committee on Graduate Studies this year.

Among those who have paid their fees are Jean McKittrick, D. S. Simpson, Lucille Barker, Gordon L. Kidd, Dorothy Smith, H. E. Smith, James McMillan, Freda Smith.

W. P. Campbell, M.Sc. '25, is at Trail, B.C., and is connected with the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, in the assay office. This company is the largest in non-ferrous production in the world. A number of U. of A. men are already there.

"Bob" Hollies is in Los Angeles, California, and his address is 449 South Berendo Street.

Frank Grindley, Sc. '26, is back in Edmonton, having spent the summer with a C.N.R. survey north of St. Paul, Alberta.

A. K. Cox, '26, is with a provincial government bridge construction outfit.

Keith Muir, B.A., B.Sc. '26, is with Carter, Halls, Aldinger Company on the construction of the new Hudson's Bay store in Winnipeg.

Joe Ficht, "Fag" Malloch and Bill Martin, Ag. '24, obtained their M.Sc. degrees from the U. of A. last spring after two years of strenuous research. Ficht has been appointed science teacher at the school of Agriculture, Raymond, Alberta; Malloch is continuing his connection with the Department of Field Husbandry, but has obtained a year's leave of absence for further study at the University of Minnesota; Martin expects to follow him to that institution about the beginning of 1927, on the completion of the tenure of his Canadian Research Council fellowship.

A. W. McKechnie is at Strathmore, Alberta. Why, of course he paid his fees.

He knows "The Trail" cannot exist on mere good wishes.

Frank J. Newson, Law '26, is articled in the office of Woods, Field, Macalister & Craig, Edmonton. He is on the executive of the Edmonton branch, and has paid his fees.

"Andy" Anderson, visited his former home in England during the summer, but returned to the University about the middle of August, entering at once upon his research on the low temperature respiration of plants.

Jack Lehmann and Bill Cook spent the summer in rehabilitating an autocar abandoned during the siege of Fort Edmonton. Their proposal that all freshies should be forced to ride in it as a part of the initiation ceremony this fall was rejected as too hazardous.

Lorine Torgersen, '26, is at Wainwright. She has paid her fees. Go and do thou likewise.

Jimmy Manson, Ag. '26, found an outlet for his public speaking propensities in "bossing" the field gang of the Field Husbandry Department during the summer. Already he has begun preparations for his projected debate with a committee of graduate examiners.

Dr. Guthrie Sanford, Ag. '20, is now in charge of the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology at Saskatoon. His hobby is "root rots."

Bill Hanna, '22, has spent the past year or so at the U. of A. in search of the elusive "something" which makes certain wheat varieties immune to rust. "When found, make a note on."

Andy Cairns, '23, spent the latter part of the summer in the prairie provinces in connection with his investigations on co-operative wheat marketing. We had the pleasure of one or two visits from him at Edmonton. He returned to the University of Minnesota at the beginning of the academic year, to continue his graduate studies.

W. E. DeMille, Law '24, is married and living at 2009 Jarvis Avenue, Chicago, Ill. He has "the cutest baby girl this side of the U. of A." Bill is on the legal staff of the Union Trust Company of Chicago. He has paid all his fees.

Leslie V. Bell, B.Sc. '25, has spent the past summer with the Geological. His permanent address is 2148 Pentland Road, Victoria, B.C. He has paid his current fees. Have you?

Len Huskins, Ag. '23, 1851 Exhibition Scholar, who has been continuing the genetical studies begun at the U. of A. with Professor Ruggles Gates in London, spent a profitable summer visiting a number of continental laboratories in which distinguished researches on genetics are going forward. He was accompanied, of course, by his good wife.

W. R. Brown, '23, is continuing his duties as science teacher at the School of Agriculture, Vermilion, Alberta.

Geo. L. Wilson, B.Sc. '23, is teaching at the Lethbridge High School. He has paid his fees. Why don't you pay yours?

Norman Lewis, '25, has been employed at the C.P.R. Irrigation Farm at Brooks this past summer.

Edith F. M. Martin, Arts '23, has paid all her fees to date. Just think what "The Trail" would be like if everyone did the same. Miss Martin's address is Stettler, Alta.

Jim Nicol is now on the permanent staff of the C.P.R. Engineering department, and is located at Calgary.

Andy Cairns, B.S.A. '23, was called from the University of Minnesota by the death of his father at Calgary in August. Andy is on the staff of the department of Political Economy at Minnesota.

Wilf Backman, Ag. '24, is farm manager of the Indian School at Morley Reserve.

Anne E. Wilson paid her fees in July. Why don't the rest of the combined course graduates follow her example?

W. A. Deeprose, Arts '26, paid his fees in August. His address is Beaver Lodge, Alberta. All the class '26 men should follow his lead and pay up.

Robert W. Harrison, Arts '26, wrote from St. Paul, Alberta. He enclosed his current fees.

W. D. Gentleman, B.Sc. '25, who visited his home in Coatbridge, Scotland, during the spring is now safely located on his own farm at Camrose.

Dr. Norman Clark, Ag. '18, looked in on the University for a day or two toward the end of September and renewed acquaintance with some of his old friends. Dr. Clark has been for some time a member of the chemical staff of the Iowa State College at Ames. Oh, yes, he has paid his fees. He always does.

Jack English paid his fees promptly. Wonder why the rest of the Commerce combine don't?

"Bobbie" Harrison, Law '26, is articled in the office of Milner, Matheson, Carr & Dafee, Edmonton.

G. R. Stevens (Roy), Arts '15, sent his fees all the way from Capetown, South Africa. It must seem funny to some of you the trouble some of these grads go to about fees. Stevie's address is: Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Westminster House, Adderley and Longmarket Sts., Capetown, South Africa.

W. A. Kirkpatrick, Med. '26, was married on June 30, at Kingham, Ontario, to Margaret Porter.

Scotty Devlin has joined the agricultural department of the C.N.R. as assistant agricultural agent. This new work will entail a large portion of his time being spent in Alberta and British Columbia, and will also entail the management of all better-farming and better-livestock trains which are manoeu-

vered on the C.N. lines in the four western provinces.

"Rosie" Whitman and Mrs. Whitman are now residents of Hamilton. Rosie has a job with the Hamilton By-Product Coke Co. J. A. MacDonald, B.Sc. '24, who has been connected with the same company, reported that Rosie has a real good job with nothing to do and an assistant to help him do it.

W. H. Swift, Arts '24, paid his fees last July. If you haven't paid yours yet you're slow.

G. Allen Mail, Ag. '25, is connected with the department of Entomology and Economic Zoology at the University of Minnesota, having obtained an assistantship. He expects to be away for some years.

Wilfred Malahar, Ag. '25, who taught at Vermilion School of Agriculture last winter, returned to England on a visit to his home for three months during the summer. He is resuming his position at Vermilion.

Stan Barker, B.Com. '26, is at Harvard University, where he is continuing his studies.

Dr. Alex. Caldwell, who has been practicing at Empress, is now located at Entwistle.

Clarke Gordon, Arts '22, is one of the few graduates who has always paid his fees. He sent in this year's in July. His address is Forestburg.

Keith B. Tester, Ag. '24, is now at Honolulu connected with a large sugar company conducting research in irrigation methods and water requirements of growing sugar cane on their plantations in the Hawaiian Islands.

Edna Wallis, Arts '24, is teaching near Alliance.

Bert Rudd, Arts '23, Law '25, is assistant principal of the High School at Leduc. Bert has paid his fees.

Jack Bullock, Arts '26, is principal of a consolidated school near Red Deer.

Dr. W. J. McKinney is in Yonkers, New York. Here is another grad with a sense of what is fitting and proper. Yes—you guessed it—he paid his fees.

Johnny Walker is now assistant superintendent at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head. He has recently received his M.Sc. from Minnesota.

Bob Baker, B.Com. '24, became the daddy of a daughter on July 21. His wife was formerly Mary Main.

John Watsyck, Med. '26, is an interne at St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg. He was down in the States, but decided he liked the Canadian hospitals better.

D. J. W. Oke is at Varsity and has paid his fees.



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Bruce Macdonald, '26, is pursuing work in Jurisprudence and Roman Law at Harvard with a view to his master's degree.

Mac Millard, 24, a promising lawyer of Bassano, spent a short time around the campus renewing old acquaintances and stirring up new ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart are settled in Peterboro and are living at 264 Hunter street.

Rev. Hubert Bosomworth, B.A. '15, pastor at Hardisty, suffered injury in August when he fell while helping a parishioner in the building of a house. His skull was fractured and splinters were found on his brain. Treatment was given at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. He is completely recovered.

H. Lynch-Staunton, Law '26, spent the summer at home on the ranch, but is now in a law office in Lethbridge. He paid his fees in July. It is almost certain that all Law '26 grads will pay theirs as soon as they read this.

Dixie Pelluet, '19, who spent a few weeks of the past summer with her parents in Edmonton, returned to Bryn Mawr college, Pennsylvania, where she will complete her studies.

Walter Herbert, LL.B. '26, late advertising manager of "The Trail," left Edmonton recently for Calgary, where he has made a new connection in his profession.

Heading the list of 545 entrants throughout the Dominion who sat for the civil service examination for the position, Clifford S. Bissett, '25 graduate in Commerce, with honours, and who gained a distinguished record overseas during the war, has been appointed Canadian trade commissioner to South Africa. Clifford made a tour of the west to study trade conditions with a view to furthering Canadian exports to South Africa before leaving for Capetown via London.

Phyllis McBeath, '25, is teaching at the Provincial Training school, Red Deer. She says: "I am still teaching my kiddies here, and find it more and more interesting the longer I stay with it." Her fees were welcome. So would yours be if you would send them in.

W. C. Richards, B.A. '26, is teaching in the Victoria High school, Edmonton.

Mrs. F. D. Facey (nee Cora Armstrong), B.A. '22, with her baby daughter, of San Fernando, California, passed through Edmonton during the summer en route home from the Muskoka Lakes, where they with Dr. Facey spent several weeks.

J. Macgregor Thom, '25, has been called to the bar of Alberta. Mac graduated with first-class honours from the law school. He is practising at Jasper.

Clifford Osterland, '26, has gone to Peterboro, where he will spend some time taking the Engineering Student's course given by the General Electric Company.

John T. Jones, M.A. '26, is at University College, Oxford, where he will spend two

years reading English in the Honors School of English Language and Literature.

Edith G. Hamilton, Med. '26, is an interne at Long Island Hospital, Boston, Mass. Miss Hamilton's cheque came all the way from Boston. Perhaps yours would not have to travel so far.

Clarence Campbell, 1926 Rhodes Scholar, is at Oxford University pursuing his law studies.

Jimmie Brown, is in attendance at the University of London, and is taking courses in the School of Economics, paying special attention to the statutes affecting industrial problems.

Dr. L. C. Chadsey, whose rhythmic and vigorous wrist action was much appreciated at the old Saturday night hops in the gym, and who was a leading figure in University musical circles, is practising medicine in Kananaskis, Alberta.

Bob Lamb broke his journey in Calgary for a few hours to display his increasing proportions, smoke a cigar with a few old classmates, and touch lightly on his very solid reasons for going to the coast. A few days later he and Lois Black were married, and they are now living in Portland, Ore.

Perry Hamilton crossed the 49th for a few days, and looked up some of the Old Guard. His adventures as an Oxford oarsman were a triumph of wit over brawn, and revealed talents which will no doubt bring success in the bitter strife of American business. Perry's headquarters are in Portland, Ore., and reading between the lines of his railway ticket leaves a doubt as to the security of his state of bachelorhood.

Jean Nicoll has returned from a three months jaunt through western Europe. After miles of galleries, museums and cathedrals, Jean depends without fear or shame on a stock of picture postcards when asked where she was and what she saw. Her most absorbing adventure was the quest for butter in France.

E. H. Buckingham and Cecil Tapp are inspecting feeds and seeds for the Dominion Seed Branch, over the wide field of Alberta and Northern B.C.

George V. Ferguson, of the "Free Press," Winnipeg, has been stealing a short holiday in Calgary from the world of finance. George can be stung into telling a good yarn as easily as when he tyrannized over Whizz Bang Alley, Athabasca Hall.

John W. McClung, late of Oxford and London, has returned home, and it is hoped will cast anchor in Calgary for a long time. John is still raking over the ashes of old well-remembered days in the U. of A. and has so far refused to commit himself on the Pan-European movement.

Archie MacGillivray, with the Ingersol Rand Co., has moved his home to Calgary. His advent was hailed with joy by many old

classmates, who have fresh memories of the genial miner with his pipe and corduroys when, in the stirring post war era, he guided the Union through stormy seas and governed the Athletic Association with rare success. May we also recall how Archie stirred in the heart of many a frosh the lofty ambition to perform his hazardous feat of walking the rail of the gallery in Convocation Hall on Med. Night. Archie's address is 519 4th Ave. West.

Morley Watts is teaching in Crescent Heights High School. In the next issue we hope to reveal his cryptic activities more fully.

Jimmie Davidson has recently proved himself a doughty counsel in the field of patents infringement. Otherwise he is leading the undramatic but arduous life of a Calgary lawyer.

Ross Douglas and his wife, who was Sadie Treacy, are living in Milo, Alta., where Ross is the leading and only druggist, postmaster, fire chief elect, etc., etc. Incidentally, it may be pointed out as a warning to White Mud Creek hikers, that Ross met his fate at a "weiner roast" on the banks of the Elbow, where his robust talents as a bonfire songster and cheer leader no doubt helped to speed up the romance.

J. D. A MacDonald is still with the City Engineer's Department, Edmonton.

R. B. Bryden and A. A. Fraser are, from last reports, still with Koppers Co., Pittsburgh. Art has become a staunch supporter of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Dick is too busy to write very often.

S. K. Jaffary, Sci. '21, is with the Provincial Government Telephones and usually manages to get home for the week ends.

S. M. Blair, M.Sc. '24, who has been connected with the Industrial Research Department of the University, left in August on leave of absence to obtain practical experience in the oil industry, and is now working for the Universal Oil Products Company, Chicago. Letters will get him at 3520 Clinton Avenue, Berwyn, Ill.

Mrs. Russell Love (formerly Katie McCrimmon) spent ten days at Elgin House on the Muskoka Lakes during the summer as representative from Alberta on the board of religious education of the new United Church of Canada. Katie visited her aunt at the summer home of Sir Alex. McKenzie, Kincardine, returning later to her home in Irma.

"According to word received in the city this morning, Arthur J. Putland, B.A. '24, Mus. Bac., has been awarded a fellowship by the Canadian College of Organists, which is the highest standing that can be obtained by a church organist on this side of the Atlantic. The Canadian College of Organists was organized by Dr. A. Ham, F.R.C.O., a few years

ago, to advance church music, and also to increase the general knowledge and proficiency of organists and choirmasters. Its examinations are identical with those of the Royal College of Organists of England, and the same high standard is required of its graduates. Since coming to this city two years ago Mr. Putland has been prominent in furthering the cause of music in many ways. The introduction of music in the public schools was given into his hands by the local board of education; and at present he is engaged in working out the details of the system and acting as supervisor."—From "The Daily Times Journal," Fort William, July 30, 1926.

The majority of the 1925 Medical graduates are practising—Frank Law in Tofield, Bill Eadie in Vilna, Eldon Liesmer in Crossfield, Julius Grimson in Vancouver, and Bob Morrow in Westlock. Bob is leaving in November for post graduate work in New York. George Lewis and Carlton Lee have been interning for a year in the Skin and Cancer Hospital, New York. They are writing their state council exams this month. Johnnie Glenn has been resident interne in the University Hospital, Edmonton, since graduation. Leone McGregor has spent the year in the University Department of Pathology. Law, Liesmer, Grimson and Morrow are all married, and we hear that Weston, Eadie and Lewis soon will be. All the class were successful in passing the Dominion Council examinations.

Most of the 1926 Medical graduates are interning. Tom Michie and Mike Krause are in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton; and Elizabeth Caswell and Ward are in the University Hospital. Ruth Lyness and Watsyk are in Winnipeg hospitals; Earnie Campbell is in the Vancouver General. Edith Hamilton is in Boston; Gordon Saunders is practising at Bowden, Bill Genereux at Vonda, Sask., and Ed. Kershaw at Gadsby. Matas and Strilchuk have gone to the States. Kirkpatrick is married and practising in Saskatchewan.

We hear occasionally of those who took their first three years in Medicine in Alberta. Angus MacDonald is an interne in the Winnipeg General. Mark Levey is practising in Edmonton with Dr. Wells. He is leaving this winter for post-graduate work in Vienna. Archie Macaulay is interning in a New York hospital. Cayford, Harold Soby, Willard Haig and Alec Simpson are all in Montreal hospitals. Arthur Haig is doing locum tenens work in Coronation; Kingsley MacDonald is an interne in an asylum in Montreal. Frank Murphy is practising in Maine. Clara Christie is in the Montreal General and Beth Grimmett, now Beth Breslin, is in Providence, Rhode Island.

Births and Marriages

BIRTHS

- WILSON—At Grande Prairie, on Aug. 24th, 1926, to Dr. and Mrs. Orval Wilson (nee Jean McIntosh), a daughter.
- CORMACK—At Lacombe, on August 30th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Cormack (nee Barbara Villy), Alix, Alberta, a son.
- ROOKWOOD—At Edmonton, one June 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Rookwood, a daughter, Iris Cynthia.
- BUCHANAN—At Anne's Hospital, New York City, on August 18th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelles V. Buchanan, a son.
- GRAY—In July, 1926, to Mr. Harold Gray, B.A., and Mrs. Gray (nee Margaret Perrie), a son.
- SIMPKIN—At Chuquicamata, Chile, on July 8th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Simpkin, a son, John Gerald.
- McCOLL—At Edmonton, on July 21, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McColl, a son, Donald Neil.
- GRAHAM—At Sault St. Marie, Ontario, on August 6, 1926, to Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Graham (nee Marie Tuttle), a son, Gordon Nelson.
- CAMERON—At Edmonton, on October 20, 1926, to Dr. and Mrs. Alan Cameron, a son.
- TEVIOTDALE—At Pasadena, California, on October 17, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Teviotdale (nee Agnes Wilson, B.A. '12), a daughter.
- WEBB—At the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, on October 23, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Webb, 11108 University Ave., a daughter.

MARRIAGES

- McKNIGHT—McQUEEN—At San Francisco, on Saturday, July 10th, 1926, Christina Catherine, B.A. '23, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton, to Duncan McKnight, of San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. McKnight have made their home in San Francisco.
- ANDERSON—MOORE—At Edmonton, on Sept. 14th, 1926, Hazel Mae, B.A. '22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore, of Edmonton, to Mr. Ray S. Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have made their home in Edmonton.
- JEWITT—JACKSON — At Edmonton, on June 30th, 1926, Genevieve, B.A. '21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, of Edmonton, to William Gladstone, B.Sc. '23, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Jewitt, of Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. Jewitt are making their home in Windsor, N.S.

LANGFORD—FRASER—At Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Sept. 15th, 1926, Irene B., B.A. '23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Fraser, of Edmonton, to George Burwash, son of the late Rev. F. Langford and Mrs. Langford. Mr. and Mrs. Langford have made their home in Ithaca, N.Y.

THURLOW—McKITRICK—At Edmonton, on June 30th, 1926, Jean Kathleen, B.A. '25, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McKitrick, of Edmonton, to Hubert James, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thurlow. Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow have made their home in Edson.

REID—HENNESSY—At Edmonton, on Sept. 8th, 1926, Jean Parson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hennessy, of Edmonton, to Charles D., M.Sc. '24, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Reid, of Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have made their home in Cambridge, Mass.

THOMSON—EDGAR—At Innisfail, on Sept. 8th, 1926, Bertha Jean, B.H.Ec. '25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, of Innisfail, to Lennard Thomson, B.Sc. '25. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have made their home in Swift Current.

RICHERT—CHARLEBOIS—At Edmonton, Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Charlebois, to Charles, '25, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Richert, of Metz, Lorraine, France. Mr. and Mrs. Richert will make their home in Lethbridge.

RANKIN—WEST—At Edmonton, Wednesday evening, July 28th, Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John West, of Quebec, to Doctor Allan Coats, son of the late Mr. John Rankin and Mrs. Rankin, of Montreal. Dr. and Mrs. Rankin have made their home in Edmonton.

BUTCHART—ADKINS — At Edmonton, on October 28, 1926, Muriel Grace, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Adkins, Edmonton, to Elwood Alexander, B.A., LL.B., son of Mrs. E. N. Butchart. Mr. and Mrs. Butchart will make their home in Vancouver.

BRESLIN—GRIMMETT—On July 3rd, 1926, Beth B. Grimmer, M.D. '24, to Robert Breslin. Mr. and Mrs. Breslin have made their home in Providence, Rhode Island.

REVELL—MILLS—At Edmonton, on July 14th, Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Mills, to John, B.Sc. '26, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Revell, Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Revell will make their home in Lethbridge.

VANGO—LITTLE—At Edmonton, on July 31st, 1926, Annie Ethelwyn Little, eldest daughter of Mrs. W. R. Thompson, of Quebec, to Dr. Harold Vango, Assistant Professor of Pathology of the University of Alberta. Dr. and Mrs. Vango will make their home in Edmonton.

McARTHUR—WHYTE—At Calgary, on July 22nd, Miss E. L. Whyte, of Calgary, to Mr. H. McArthur, '21. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur have made their home in Vancouver.

PARNEY—ARCHIBALD — At Toronto, on Sept. 21st, 1926, Margaret Helen Archibald, to Mr. George Lyman Parney, B.A., LL.B. '24. Mr. and Mrs. Parney have made their home in Edmonton.

LANG—WILSON—At Edmonton, on August 18th, 1926, Jessie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wilson, to Mr. W. A. Lang, M.Sc. '26. Mr. and Mrs. Lang have made their home in Edmonton.

WEIR—TEVIOTDALE—At Pasadena, California, on July 30, 1926, Elizabeth Teviotdale, M.A. '20, formerly of Edmonton, to John Alexander Weir, Edmonton. Dean and Mrs. Weir have made their home in Edmonton.

MacEACHRAN — RUSSELL — At London, England, in the Scottish National Church, on July 26th, 1926, Elizabeth Jane Russell, House Superintendent of the University of Alberta, to Professor John Malcolm MacEachran, Provost. Dr. and Mrs. MacEachran have made their home in Edmonton.

STOCK—MATTHIAS—At Toronto, Ontario, on July 7, 1926, Margaret Hannah Matthias, B.A. '25, to Sydney Wallace Stock, B.Sc. '24. Mr. and Mrs. Stock are residing in Toronto.

TOMLINSON—McCAFFRY—At Edmonton, on October, 9, 1926, Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McCaffry, Edmonton, to H. O. Tomlinson, B.Sc. '24. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson are living in Edmonton.

PRIOR — MAHAFFEY — At Edmonton, on October 8th, 1926, Pearl Lorena, daughter of Mrs. Mahaffey, to Kenneth H., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Prior. Mr. and Mrs. Prior are going to Donde, Angola, West Africa, where Mr. Prior will be an industrial missionary under the United Church of Canada.

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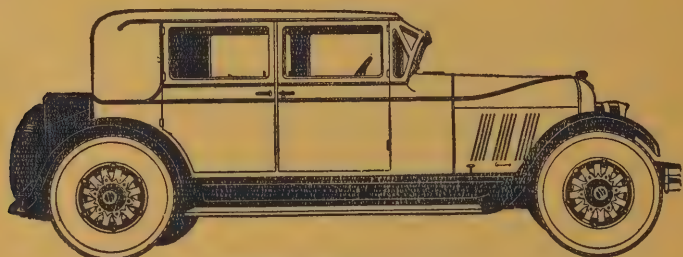
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The following pages contain a little of graduate news and thought, an idea or two from the University — and other things.

HERE is a proposal, one that has been simmering for some time. We expect to hear from you in this connection, if you have considered the possibility be-

fore, your opinions will be of that much greater value.

It seems that if a combination of the two university publications—the undergraduate newspaper, *The Gateway*, and the graduate magazine, *The Trail*—were effected, much might be accomplished. It should be in the best interests of the two organizations concerned and in the best interest of the University.

A weekly newspaper, carrying the news of the University—and having a graduate editor in charge of an alumni sec-



Cecil Ethelbert Race, Registrar of the University of Alberta, died January 11, after an illness of more than a year.

Mr. Race's connection with the University dates from the earliest days. He became Registrar in 1910, and during the years since that time very few students have completed their study at the University of Alberta without knowing Mr. Race, and being known in turn. His influence has ever been quiet, but effective—he gave of his best as instructor, as counsellor, as friend.

The late Registrar was ordered to the coast at the beginning of the 1925 term. He returned last fall, improved, and resumed his classes. The University hoped that he would be permanently restored to health, but he was stricken again December 11, and died one month later.

Every alumnus will join in paying respect to Mr. Race, a friend of all.

tion, keeping you informed of the doings of the Association and its members—surely would appeal.

The publication, separately, of *The Gateway* and *The Trail* means a duplication of business, a duplication of printing, a duplication of material, and where the common interest is so evident, the more economical arrangement of an amalgamation should prove satisfactory.

A newspaper could be printed weekly, during the University term, with a Convocation number also, as at present. A possible issue or two devoted more particularly to graduates, might appear during the summer. There seems little doubt too, that a literary magazine could be assembled during the year, supplemental to the regular paper. Drawing from a field including graduates and undergraduates, such a literary effort would be abundantly worth while.

There is one fly in the gravy—at least, for some. The paper could scarcely be sent to those who forget year, after year,

to pay fees. But those who are interested in the University of Alberta, in the things that happen there, and in the doings of its graduates, may regard the suggestion kindly.

The parties involved, the Alumni Association and the Students' Union, would need to be officially consulted. A constitution giving the paper greater freedom could be fashioned. But these are incidentals.

Is the thing worth while?

FROM a letter of an alumnus who is far away: "Where was the sporting news in the October issue? All I can find is a notice of a future rugby game with the U. of B.C., and I am just as interested in interfaculty games, etc., as ever. I know there was a track meet this fall, as I saw it in an old Regina paper, but can not find a mention of anything in *The Trail*." These things *The Trail* must largely omit. But with a combined newspaper now

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The Council meets usually on the last Monday of each month at the President's home. Mrs. Russell's hospitality attracts all the members who can possibly attend, and lightens the routine of business.

Mr. Dixon Craig and Mr. Harvey framed the amendments to the Constitution which have recently been submitted to the members in good standing. These were necessitated by changes in the handling of alumni finances and by the rather indefinite provision for business management of *The Trail*. Since a mail vote had to be taken an effort was made to include all needed amendments at one time.

Mr. McMillan's letter in the last issue was heartily supported by one writer and as heartily opposed by another. Quoting from the latter: "It is not because the fee for members at large is two dollars that more do not join the Association, nor is it because the graduates have lost interest in the University. I think the reason is that we are somewhat lazy and something always intervenes between our good intentions and their fulfillment." This writer and others have suggested

that they should be reminded by the Treasurer of the date on which fees fall due, and no doubt this will be done in future.

It may not be generally known that a Branch of the Association may be formed in any city, town or village where ten or more alumni reside. Graduates in Olds and Lethbridge have begun to talk of organization—more power to them! What about London? Toronto? Winnipeg? Medicine Hat? Regina? New York? Banff? Vermilion? Los Angeles? Cambridge, Mass.? The Secretary will be glad to furnish further details to any alumni who reside where a branch is feasible.

WRITERS' COMPETITION

The Writers' Club of the University offers two prizes of \$15 each for the best short story and poem submitted by a graduate or undergraduate of Alberta before March 15. Manuscripts must not be signed with contestant's correct name, but this to be supplied separately. The competition closes March 15.

Miss Emily Horricks, University of Alberta, is the secretary of the club.

CANADIAN ANCESTRY-WORSHIP

WALTER B. HERBERT

Ancestry-worship, to the minds of most Canadians, is a matter usually associated with China or the long-dissolved empires of the dim past. Few of us would be willing to admit that there is a close connection between our own conservatism in governmental affairs, and the well-recognised mental-complex of the yellow man. The reason is not deeply hidden. We know that worship of forebears by the Chinese has been one of the outstanding causes of that country's failure to develop normally. It would be a rude jolt to our pride to have to believe that in our civilization there was even an inkling of the same thing as that which has been prominent in the throttling of China. But would not an hour of introspection prove interesting?

We will all agree that the "Fathers of Confederation" were men of a high moral and intellectual calibre, fired with a desire to build up a dominion "par excellence," motivated by a deep and sincere love of country. Historical records convince us that those men strove patriotically and untiringly for the things which they considered essential to the welfare of the newly-born Canada. For Sir John Macdonald and his confreres in the magnificent work of creating a constitution for Canada we have carved a niche in our Hall of Fame, and our hearts are united in doing honor to their memories. But are we justified in believing it as a fact that their enactments, so well suited to their times, are and always will be timely for the generations which follow?

The Canada for which they legislated was a vastly different land from the great dominion of today, and from that which will be in another generation. Doubtless those men had high hopes and fond dreams of great western plains covered with golden grain as far as the eye could reach. But their works were designed essentially for the land which lies east of the Great Lakes. Canada, in 1865, was a land of considerable similitude and uniformity, as compared with our modern great, complex nation.

What would the Fathers of Confederation do if they were to meet today for a purpose similar to that for which they assembled sixty-one years ago? Speculation on the subject is interesting, and may even prove profitable. If we can convince ourselves that they would enact now differently from what they did then, we may be able to consider changes in our constitution with fewer qualms of conscience and less fear of being branded "bolshhevik," "radical," "red," or "anarchist."

We are too prone to believe that because a constitutional fact has its roots in antiquity it should not be altered. We bind up too much the personalities of the creators of ancient legislation with the present-day applicability of their statutes. The British North America Act is a notable example.

Consider the matter of the tariff, for instance. The determination of import and export duties was placed by the B.N.A. Act in the exclusive control of the federal parliament. And rightly so, at that time. But the suggestion is now being discussed, in many parts of Canada, that the time has arrived for a deviation from the time-worn system of political juggling and intersectional back-biting which has developed in connection with the administration of customs duties.

Canada is comprised of four quite distinct tariff areas: the Atlantic area, the Eastern area, the Prairie area, and the Pacific area. Experience has shown us that tariff policies adopted for the whole of the dominion invariably arouse sectional opposition. Some of us are inclined to intolerantly brush aside such particular claims as those advanced, from time to time, by manufacturing Ontario, or agricultural Saskatchewan; and rely too faithfully on the doctrine of "majority rule." There is also another doctrine which great men have supported, "the greatest good for the greatest number." An effort to harmonize the application of both ideas in Canadian tariff problems might prove worth while. A perm-

anent tariff commission—in powers as well as name—extra-political—might prove a panacea for the ever-open wound caused by the tariff mess.

“Yes,” some say, “but you would steal the chiefest spice from the political stew.” Such a statement is only an admission, not an objection. Canada would profit by having her vexed tariff problems turned over to a capable body of experts, who would study the needs of the country honestly, who would foresee probable reactions from the light of experience and research, and whose deliberations would be uninfected by the ballot-ability of their recommendations.

And that poor old political bone-yard, the Senate! Is it not true that our chief objection to sweeping changes in the composition and duties of the upper chamber is, in some way, vaguely connected with our aversion to disregarding the status quo? One can almost feel a slight shudder—is it dismay or annoyance?—as we realize that what has to be

altered is the work of those “imperishable fathers.” But if Brown, Cartier, Mowat or Tache were with us now, and were to suggest that it is improper to pack our Senate with broken-down party war-horses without careful thought as to their suitability as legislators, we might be more apt to listen and act. Canada pays annually \$554,000.00 to maintain her pretty Senate. Is the expenditure justifiable, in view of the service that body is rendering? Or can it be even remotely possible that we are paying for services rendered? Perish the thought! Lest our revered ancestors turn over in their honorable graves. True, it is that there are a number of clever, statesmanlike members in our upper chamber. In our eyes, they stand head and shoulders above the illustrious rabble; thereby proving themselves to be the exceptions to the rule. Their talents could be better used in the House of Commons, or in other positions where

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GREEK GODS

(Miss Cato was a member of the party of University folk, headed by Dr. Alexander, which toured the Mediterranean this summer.—Editor's Note.)

The literature of Greece is largely the story of gods and men—with the gods not so very far separated from the men. Pindar is quite explicit on the latter point: "One race there is of men and one of gods, but from one mother, Earth, draw we both our breath." The gods have a little more strength, and a little more size, and whatever advantages may accrue from deathless years; they seem in short to be the luckier branch of the family, but to the family they still belong. Process of time and the advent of "barbarous" ideas have robbed them even of this superiority, and those who seek them in Greece today must seek them, not on Olympus' top, nor in some majestic temple, but on the street and in the market-place. Here are a few notes on some I thought I detected.

Early during our stay in Athens, in July, 1926, we became acquainted with Mr. Photis Katomeris, formerly chauffeur to Ex-Prince Christopher, now

languishing in exile in Florence. But the former Prince left his Cadillac limousine and his chauffeur in Athens, for which we were very grateful. Katomeris the chauffeur is certainly Hermes, the wing-footed messenger god and the patron saint of foreign language study. Never did Hermes on pinions of the wind travel faster than Katomeris' drove us over that thrilling mountain road from Amphissa to Bralo, and as for languages, he spoke French, German, some English, and—greatest achievement of all!—modern Greek. Of course, to gain this latter object he took the only recommendable course; he had himself born a Greek! For the trailing clouds of glory which an ex-god should possess, Mr. Katomeris had pleasant recollections of serving as chauffeur to Queen Alexandra and the ex-Empress of Germany, and for evidence a handsome scarf-pin, the gift of Queen Alexandra. Mr. Katomeris had wedded a daughter of human-kind, an Austrian, who, so we learned, spoke very little Greek, but I suspect that from the standpoint of a Greek husband this was all in her favor. Pericles certainly went out of his way in the funeral speech to say so.

In Athens we were greatly surprised to find so many Apollos. Apollo presided over the expression of thought in language, but, since that is quite a nerve-racking occupation, mythology assigns him as well a silver bow to play with. His modern representatives seem to find no difficulty in the first department, pouring forth "honey-sweet" words at a high speed, but they have replaced the ancient toy with strings of gaily-colored beads which they finger nervously as they orate. In our simplicity we had thought they were rosaries, but we should have known that no ancient gods ever really capitulate; the most they ever do is to compromise.

Hephaestus presided over fire. We were sure we had rediscovered him one divine day when we sailed the Aegean waters from Athens, past Salamis and Aegina and Poros, and many other of the isles of Greece, to Nauplia at the head of



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the Argolic Gulf. (And, by the way, we stopped at Spetsai, and saw the Hotel Poseidon, where even at that hour the dictator Pangalos was summering, all unconscious of the impending doom.) Opposite sat a family off on vacation; the father kept a cigarette in his mouth all forenoon which, though apparently burning, was not consumed, and sent up no sweet incense (as of Millbanks) into the nostrils of the blessed gods. On returning to Athens we found that artificial cigarettes are much used, and that they are regarded as highly beneficial, because they contain a liquid which is soothing to the throat. Greece—so they say—has several such.

Pan, the shepherd god, dwelt of old in the country, and abides there still. The gods that dwell in Athens dress in tailored suits such as we are accustomed to see in our own country—Oxford bags apart—but the “dwellers-around” dress in costumes which suggest to us the stage. Among some the fustanella is very popular, a cotton skirt shirred and plaited in

the best of style. Many of the peasants, especially those of the Isles, wear a short, dark-colored bolero, a red vest, and trousers the amplitude of which must be seen to be appreciated. These rural gods, like ancient Pan who inflicted “panic” terror by his sudden appearances, had a habit of suddenly emerging from the roadside, but only to utter the friendly “Kalemeras” (a good-day to you!), which constitutes the universal greeting.

We return again to Hermes, this time in his capacity of the conductor of souls. The street-car conductors of Athens are usually gods, less often goddesses. They always seemed so friendly and made me feel so much at home in Athens violet-crowned. Whenever they collected my fare, they talked to me melliferously and at great length, but, being guiltless of any modern Greek outside of the charmed words “liminada limoni,” which are the signal at the cafés for a noble thirst-quencher, I could only smile as pleasantly as possible upon my Hermes to show my appreciation of such courteous conducting. One day, however, I sat waiting with a drachma in my hand, my offering to the god, when Dr. Alexander said: “The fare is two drachmas.” “Oh, no!” said I, “I’ve never paid more than one drachma yet!” Then there was a sudden burst of understanding, and I realized the purport of the divine message so many a Hermes had sought to convey to me.

The elder gods, Zeus and Poseidon, are recognizable in the Parthenon frieze by their ample beards; one sees them in the streets of Athens today similarly bearded, or more so, and wearing robes that float afar, and tall cylindrical black hats. As these are “rimless lids” and confer only majesty and no shade, they are supplemented by an umbrella of magnificent dimensions. These priests of the Holy Orthodox Church are the antithesis of modern “shinglers”; they allow their scalp locks to grow long and wind them up in a tight little knot at the back of the neck. As they reincarnate the dignity of Zeus, so do they still display his well-known diplomacy and politeness towards goddesses. A friend of ours from the

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British School was returning home on a crowded "15" street-car when she was jolted unceremoniously into the lap of a Papas. With Olympian gravity and decorum, he promptly begged her pardon. What more could he do? The gods of Greece would never insult a woman by offering her a seat. I can readily understand why "Gentlemen prefer Greece"; as one member of our party declared in emphatic tones, "It's a man's country."

After being in Athens for nearly a month, I came to the conclusion that at one time gods may have been men, but that now men are gods. The great bulk of the hard work, especially the field work on the reluctant soil of Hellas, is done by women. Always on the country roads the man may be seen riding the donkey while the woman trudges behind. One notices no middle-aged women, only very young girls or what appear to be old women, though in reality many of them are only in the thirties. However, this condition will not much longer prevail. One of the ladies of our group, an

intransigent for women's rights, promises to return to emancipate the Greek women; doubtless then Greece is on the verge of a great social renaissance, and the time is not far distant when the gods of modern Greece must share the honors with the women, and even assume some of the burdens. After all, the gods of old Olympus were not averse to that.

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Older Varsity students and grads who were acquainted with Cyril O'Donnel (B.Com. '25, M.A. '26) will be pleased to hear of his success at the University of Chicago. After graduating from Alberta, Mr. O'Donnel registered this fall in post-graduate work at Chicago. Word has just come of his recent appointment as a research assistant in the Economics Department of that institution.

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"*The Great God Brown*," by Eugene O'Neill, Jonathan Cape, publishers, 1926. 7s 6d net.

Since the publishing of that stark and morbid drama, "*Desire Under the Elms*," dramatic circles of America have been waiting with mixed feelings for Eugene O'Neill's next play. The New England tragedy created a sensation, wherever it was played: most of the dyed-in-the-wool theatre-goers were enthusiastic; others, including the purists, thundered against it. It was a nine days' wonder. A new wonder has come to displace it, a wonder that promises to itself a longer life.

"*The Great God Brown*," a drama of modern life, is one of the most remarkable and unusual plays from the pen of any modern American dramatist. Not only its use of realistic masks, but its unique methods of character revelation set it in a class by itself. It is different from anything that Mr. O'Neill has yet written. The author is a realist of realists; he does not hesitate to knock down those barriers of restraint, which most of us are conventional enough to consider necessary to good drama. Some of his plays are frankly sordid; with all their power of dramatic situation, they seem to lack that idealism which transforms realism. But "*The Great God Brown*," Mr. O'Neill's latest and best play, has in it this vital and saving element of idealism. It is realistic indeed, but the realism is infused and transformed with spirituality. Let us examine the more important details of the play.

The most striking feature is the use of masks. With the aid of the highly developed modern mask-maker's craft, Mr. O'Neill shows many of his characters in dual form: on the one hand, the character as he is, unmasked; on the other, the character as he appears to the world, his masked self. True, other modern dramatists have attempted to create such dual characters; some of them have succeeded to a greater or lesser extent. In this case, the convincing device of realistic masks and excellent characterization in speech and actions, combine to make the illusion absolutely real to the audience.

Sometimes as the characters change from Act to Act, the masks change likewise. The possibilities of such a device are enormous. Mr. O'Neill has made the most of his.

The play opens with a long prologue. Two families, the Antonys and the Browns, each composed of father, mother and grown son, are introduced in succession. The boys, Dion Antony and Billy Brown, are chums, graduating from collegiate. Dion is a lean, restless youth. "His face is masked. The mask is a fixed forcing of his own face—dark, spiritual, poetic—into the expression of a mocking, reckless, defiant, sensual young Pan." Billy is a handsome youth of eighteen, with "the easy self-assurance of a normal intelligence." He is not masked.

The two boys are in love with the girl of the story, Margaret, though neither confesses the fact to the other. But Margaret loves Dion and Dion only. Billy finds this out, and, like a good sport, takes his defeat manfully. Dion meets Margaret and pours out his love for her. But he is unmasked.

Margaret (freezingly): Is this a joke—or are you drunk?

Dion (with a final pleading whisper): Margaret! (But she only glares at him contemptuously. Then with a sudden gesture he claps on his mask—and laughs bitterly.) Ha-ha-ha! That's one on you, Peg!

Margaret (with delight): Dion! How did you ever—why, I never knew you!

Dion (puts his arm around her boldly): How? It's the moon—the crazy moon—playing jokes on us!

The play proper opens after Margaret and Dion have passed six years of married life together. They love each other, but Dion has been reckless. They must have money. Billy Brown is now William Brown, famous architect—the Great God Brown, as Dion bitterly calls him. Margaret swallows her pride and goes to Brown, who, for old friendship's sake, takes Dion in with him as chief draughtsman. It is a bitter dose for the super-sensitive Dion, but he has no choice. Brown's old love for Margaret still

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smoulders in his heart. Dion, with the last dregs of pride bitter in his mouth, begins to drink heavily. Margaret suffers, but she says nothing. Then one night Dion comes to Brown's mansion, deliberately drinks more than he can stand, for he is on the verge of a breakdown and pours forth all the bitterness that has been rankling within him. He senses that Brown still loves Margaret. With a curse for his quondam friend upon his lips Dion dies in Brown's room.

Then a fantastic idea enters Brown's mind, and he quickly puts it into effect. He buries Dion's body in his garden, but keeps and uses for himself Dion's clothes and mask. He becomes Dion and leads Dion's life, though in his office he remains the great Brown. The situation is tense; he knows that sooner or later his Jekyll-Hyde plan will be discovered, though Margaret never comes to know of it. She feels that her "Dion" is changed, but she never suspects the truth. While in the guise of Dion, he is accused of the murder of Brown. He flees to his home, in company with Cybel, a woman of the underworld whom he has befriended. He is shot there by the police and dies in

Cybel's arms.

Cybel (she straightens up and looks into space)—with profound pain): Always spring comes again, bearing life! Always, again—Spring again!—life again!—summer and autumn and death and peace again!—(with agonized sorrow) but always, love and conception and birth and pain again—Spring bearing the intolerable chalice of life again! (then with exultance)—bearing the glorious blazing crown of life again!

Captain of the Police (enters without looking at them—gruffly): Well, what's his name?

Cybel: Man!

Captain (taking a grimy notebook and an inch-long pencil from his pocket): How d'yuh spell it? (Curtain.)

Mr. O'Neill might fittingly have named his play "What Price Life?" The values of life are revealed in his vivid characters: symbolism if you will, but yet a symbolism of which the foundation rests on the granite-hard facts of life and not on airy fantasies. "*The Great God Brown*" is obviously the most arresting play of the year; in the opinion of the writer it is the best play of the year.

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CAMPUS NOTES

President and Mrs. Tory returned in December from their trip to Japan, where the Pan-Pacific Scientific Congress was held. The President has given several public addresses dealing with the economic, scientific and religious impressions Japanese life made upon him, and those who heard him were rarely privileged.

Lord Charnwood gives us the secret of the success of Abraham Lincoln in a fine saying to the effect that Lincoln kept on growing after the point where most of us cease to grow. Those of us who can remember the University in its early days, can glimpse, similarly, one of the reasons why its President has such a firm hold upon its affections. Yearly his spirit seems to grow in width and depth and power. We are indeed a fortunate University with such a leader for its councils.

The exchange professor for the first term to Alberta was G. H. Ling, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Saskatchewan, and head of the department of mathematics there. Professor C. S. Burgess was the exchange professor to Saskatchewan.

The Extension Department has extended once again, with its weekly radio service. Good work, Daddy!

The first opera in University history was produced, under the auspices of the Literary Society, Thursday, January 14, in Convocation Hall. That's a date for future historians to conjure with. The name of the opera was "Maritana," under the joint direction of Mrs. J. B. Carmichael, R. R. Couper and Professor J. Adam.

The question of fraternities has lifted its head the veriest trifle this season, one or two letters appearing in The Gateway on the subject. We thought that Bill Howson, Paddy Nolan, et al, had settled that question once for all in those exciting Union debates of '13-'14!

Debating maintains its importance and high standards, and Alberta defeated Cambridge in December upon the lively subject of state restriction of individual rights. It was interesting to notice how both sides steered away from the prohibition issue! Both likely had ammunition aplenty, but the first shot was never fired. The McGoun Cup for inter-university debating goes from Alberta to Saskatchewan this year. Alberta won and lost its matches, while Saskatchewan won both, on a subject of interest to all four provinces, that of color and race restriction of the voting privilege.

The National Students Union got off to a good start during the Christmas holidays. P. G. Davies, B.A. '25, was elected Union Secretary. The need of such an organization is obvious, and we hope it will make some

real contribution to university life and work.

The S.C.M. National Conference also took place during the Christmas vacation at MacDonald College, and must have done some real things, if we may judge from its tone. As one delegate put it, "We didn't try to solve the world's problems, and didn't do much except sizzle." Canada can't ever have too much of that sort of sanity.

The plans for the University Covered Rink are well away, and it is expected that building will begin this spring, the rink to be in operation next winter.

A memorial tablet has recently been placed in the corridor entrance to Convocation Hall, erected to the memory of Professor Edwards. The words of inscription are the following:

"In memory of William Muir Edwards, Professor of Municipal and Civil Engineering 1908-1918. On his thirty-ninth birthday, November 14, 1918, he died of epidemic influenza contracted in the service of the sick in Pembina Hall."

We wonder when the work so well begun by Professor Edwards in connection with the Honor Roll is to be carried forward to completion? There are records, oral, written and photographic, about the province and University that should be worked over soon, to form some fitting visible memorial to the men who went to war. Can not the Alumni Association undertake the work?

We seem at times to notice some faint tints of what Ruskin was pleased to call "the golden stain of time" upon the University life. Here and there a beginning of permanent color, an emergence of the finer spirit which characterizes all of this earth's cherished things. The University never did better service to such ends, than when last year the position of University organist was created.

To those graduates who have had occasion to visit the larger centres of America or Europe, this statement will come home with peculiar force. To the writer at least, whose chief musical merit at graduation was that he was "sentimentally inclined to music," the revelation of what music could mean to an individual did not come until, upon visits to the east, he heard the organ music of A. T. Davison, at Harvard, and Snow of the Boston Symphony.

The work Mr. Nichols is doing week by week in his organ recitals is just of that character, and the memory of it, for many undergraduates, will be among the most precious they will have of the University in the strenuous years to come. The famous minimum conditions for a university, due to Stephen Leacock, could well be altered to read, "First of all, an organ."

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

CRUICKSHANK—At Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, on January 20th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Cruickshank (nee Grace Duncan, '20), a daughter.

McQUEEN—At Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on December 25th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McQueen, a son, David Lisle.

GORDON—At 11143 87th Avenue, Edmonton, on November 28th, 1926, to Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Gordon, a son, John Grahame Trinian.

MARRIAGE

MANSON — DOWDELL — At Wetaskiwin, Dec. 27, 1926, Mary Belle Dowdell to James M. Manson, B.S.A. '26. Mr. and Mrs. Manson are living in Edmonton.

WESTON — ROWE — At Akron, Michigan, October 28, 1926, Daniel T. Weston, Med. '25, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Weston, Millet, Alta., to Mildred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rowe, 9529 110th Ave., Edmonton.

KANE—BARKER—At Palo Alto, California, on Sunday, November 14th, 1926, Lucile, B.A. '23, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barker, to Edward William Scott Kane, B.A. '20, LL.B. '22, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kane, 11141 91st Avenue, Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Kane have made

their home in the Devonshire Apartments, 112th Street, Edmonton.

DEATHS

McALLISTER—At Edmonton, on December 17th, 1926, Margaret Bella McAllister, B.A. '16.

DEATH OF LEO B. BROWN

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Leo B. Brown, B.Sc. '16. Mr. Brown, who was born in Iowa in June 1893, entered the University in 1912, as a student in Applied Science. He was a keen student, especially interested in hydraulics. During 1914-15 he was president of the Basketball Club and also played on the rugby team, provincial champions for that year.

After graduating in 1916, with the John A. McDougall Gold Medal for Proficiency in Applied Science, Mr. Brown joined the 187th Battalion as a lieutenant. From this unit he was transferred in May, 1917, to the Canadian Forestry Corps and to the Royal Air Force in June 1918. After discharge from the army in April, 1919, he returned to Western Canada, and taught mathematics in the King Edward High School, Vancouver, until his death. As first president of the Vancouver branch of the Alumni Association he will be greatly missed.

The sincere sympathy of the Association is extended to Mrs. Brown and her little son.

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THE LETTERS OF SIR WALTER RALEIGH

By R. K. GORDON.

Walter Raleigh, for the greater part of his life, was a teacher of English literature, but never grew wholly reconciled to the trade. "I am a teacher by accident," he said. "I had not money enough for the Bar, or anything else, after graduating—second class. I had read a good deal of English literature and philosophy while I was supposed to be reading history, so I got a chance early in the movement for teaching English." He held posts in India, Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and Oxford; he wrote books full of learning and insight on Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, and Johnson; but he always cared less for books than for men. Routine, pedantry, and false solemnity he always warred against. It was this critical attitude towards the business of lecturing which made him such a fascinating teacher. He was spontaneous, excited and exciting. "Things come to me warm while I lecture." You might come away from hearing him with no notes of dates and other text-book matters, but you went and bought the book he had been discussing. He kept some of us at Oxford short of money by sending us every few days to the book shop. His lectures gave you, and his books give you, a fresh delight in literature. He never allowed himself to be deadened by excessive respect for system and cut-and-dried formulae. "As for Education," he wrote to his daughter, "I don't know nuffin about it, but I'll tell you what: These ladies at the Colleges who think it is splendid to be intellectual, spend most of their time in being examined. It's not they who run the world, not by a long chalk. They don't count, and then they often get snuffy, and talk a great deal about the intellect. But if you use the intellect you don't need to talk about it; you can put it across the talkers. The only good thing to study is something that catches you and excites you when once you have given it a chance. I hope you will choose what you like best, and then you shall hear lectures or teachers who know and care about it."

No doubt there was in Raleigh at times some unnecessary mockery of solid dull learning. Some people thought him a dilettante. But his own learning was far greater than the casual listener suspected. Serious young Scots who came up to Oxford from Aberdeen or Glasgow were at first critical of Raleigh's light manner, but they were soon conquered by his charm. Raleigh preferred the Irish. The Scots "are a superstitious, loyal, useful, jealous, impossible people. A long course of their own theology has hopelessly perverted their attitude. . . . It is impossible not to esteem them, and they are the best friends—if you have fish to fry." And yet he wrote one of the best of all essays on Burns.

Raleigh's letters are good for many reasons. They give you the man himself, though he thought them a bloodless substitute for talk, and no doubt they



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were, when the talk was Raleigh's. The opinions on authors expressed in the letters are always interesting and often unconventional and irreverent. "Thackeray is only a Plymouth brother caught tuft hunting and pretending that he was in fun." But literary criticism is not the best thing in the letters. Most readers will prefer Raleigh when he writes on "things." Some of the nonsense reminds one of Lamb's letters. Like some other people, not in England, he speculated in oil. "I have been amusing myself with balancing the oil business.

"Quoth the Devil of Prudence:

"Ten wells have been sunk, of which two produce marketable oil.

"666 acres are yet to be purchased.

"The oil, allowing for cartage, is worth 1½ dollars a barrel at the railway.

"£8,800 have been spent in seven months.

"£6,000 more is asked for.

"The Directors have not decided what to do.

"Mr. Hilliard is ill.

"The output of the wells has not been determined.

"An oil expert reports very favourably on the property of a neighbouring company."

"Quoth the Angel of Enterprise:

"Nothing venture, nothing have.

"Oil's oil, any day.

"Don't desert your employers, and leave them struggling 1,500 feet down in water, sand and oil.

"Children and fools should not see half-finished work.

"Double the risk and double the profit.

"A few more years shall roll, etc.

"This concludes the remarks of the Angel."

The letters written in war-time show us what was perhaps the deepest thing in Raleigh—his love of England. Told for the front himself, he was delighted and proud when asked to write the history of the war in the air. It was while engaged in that task that he died.

THE LETTER BOX

Drumheller, Alta.

The Secretary,

Alumni Assoc., U. of A.

Re suggested amendments and other symptoms. Am enclosing ballot. The proposed amendments may have had no trouble passing the council, but nothing passes here—short of a big six. While I have no intention of confounding the wisdom of the ancients—or flappers—I can see that some amendments are both logical and desirable, while some of those proposed are neither. I do not intend to take up these amendments separately, although they might furnish some amusement, but will try to go back of them to see what caused the rash—"if you know what I mean." And, before we start pulling teeth and taking out tonsils and appendices and other superfluous organs, we might try a shot of castor oil and a foot bath. Of course this is horribly old-fashioned, but our ancestors lived through it and produced something. This Association reminds me of what the man said to his mother-in-law, she had told him that her brains were just as good as his, and he said, "they ought to be, they're brand new." We sat for three, four, maybe five years listening to a lot of twaddle about our being the future leaders of thought, and as leaders we have about as much kick as a bootlegger's conscience. To change the simile, or whatever is the correct term for the foregoing, we'll compare her to the old bus. Her brakes work fine, but she hasn't any power on the hills, so we're going to grind her valves and hone out her cylinders and put in new pistons and rings, a new set of timing gears and a second set of controls so she can be handled from the Bursar's office—I mean the back-seat—and while we are at it, we'd better put on a long straight black body with glass sides, and doors at the back and black plumes and brackets for flowers on top, and all get in and hit the last "Trail." I'll bet we'd make Sandy Caldwell's Nash look green.

Now, so far as the old lady in the back seat is concerned, I don't suppose she wants to drive any more than I do, and as long as we're right side up on "The Trail" and don't travel more than 15 per, and are polite to the traffic cops, she won't say a word, but if we drive her into a mud-hole and then ask her to pay the towing charges she might.

No! The old bus doesn't need dual controls! What she needs is a little Applied Science. Don't laugh, this is serious. She has never been properly limbered up yet. And I propose that we proceed to step on her and see what she'll make. If 15 per is

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SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

Betty Andrews, '24, is in charge of the Open Shelf Library at the Parliament Buildings, Regina, Sask.

Arthur Donaldson turns up c/o Box 187, Idaho Falls, where he is connected with the construction of a large hotel, being in the employ of the Stevens Hotel Co. Arthur was Sc. '22, and building construction was always his favorite field.

Jack English, '25, is in the Commercial Intelligence Service, Dept. of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

C. W. Kerr, Ag. '26, writes from Magrath, Alta., where he is buying grain for the United Grain Growers.

Bob Baker and Anton Bures (both Com. '24) are with the Co-operative Creameries in Regina.

Glen McClung is with the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Douglas Simpkins, '22, has changed his address from Tocopilla, Chile, to Maple Creek, Sask.

The Normal School, Calgary, is the present sphere of activity for a group of last year's graduates, which includes Bessie Scott, Bertha McCallum, Lorine Torgerson, Jean Williamson, Lorna Dalglish, Cambell Har-

grave, Gordon French and Charley Laverty. The three last-named are playing on the C.N.S. basketball team, and are expecting a whirlwind season.

Charlie Reilly, '20, and Ronald McCullough who left Alberta in 1923 and completed his work in Chemistry at Stanford in 1926, are also at Normal in Calgary.

James A. McDonald, B.Sc. '24, writes from Timmins, Ont.

L. H. Manzer, '21, is principal of the High School at Langley Prairie, B.C.

Ross Henderson and J. J. Saucier were recently elected to official positions on the Calgary Young Conservatives Club.

Fred Etheridge, B.Sc. '25, has been mine superintendent at a small mining centre near Sicamous, B.C., for the past few months.

Dorothy MacLean, '24, is teaching school in Winnipeg. Her address is 373 Wardlaw Avenue.

J. B. Glover, '21, is at present in the employ of the Johnson-Sharpe Mortgage & Loan Co., Vancouver.

E. L. Churchill, '23, writes from the Extension Library of the Olds School of Agriculture that there is a colony of twelve alumni in Olds at the present time.

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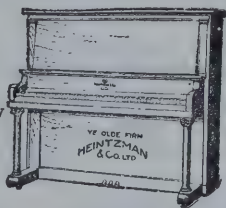
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Lysle K. Blain, '21 and '23, is now in Detroit in the Guaranty Trust Co. He claims he likes his present work better than helping Henry dispose of flivvers.

J. F. K. English, '23, is at present principal of MacLean High School, Haney, B.C., District of Maple Ridge.

Marilda M. Clermont, '26 (?), writes "The Trail" from Regina, where she is one of the staff of the Commercial Department, Scott Collegiate Institute.

L. Good, B.Sc. '22, is at present in Chicago. Address not known.

Thelma Butchart, '22, is teaching in the High School at Lacombe.

E. L. Phillips writes from Olds Agricultural School enclosing fees from the following graduates, members of O.S.A. staff: A. T. Kemp, '22, instructor in Horticulture and Biology; E. L. Churchill, '22, English and Math.; Charles Yanck, '24, Chemistry, Physics, Soils; Frank Addison, '24, English History and Civics; Eric Cormack, '24, Dairying and Poultry; E. W. Phillips, '22, Animal Husbandry and Farm Management.

Jas. E. Meagher, Agric. '21, is now on his farm at Neilburg, Sask., and would be glad to hear from any of his old friends.

Alex. L. Caldwell, whose address was given in the last "Trail" as Entwistle, writes to tell us that Evansburg is correct. To attribute a citizen of Evansburg to Entwistle is (according to Dr. Caldwell) as grave an error as to assign a Calgarian to Edmonton!

The staff of the Lethbridge High School includes a number of Varsity graduates: Olive Haw, '25; Dorothy McNicholl, '26; Geo. L. Wilson, '25, and Cedric Edwards, '23. Lethbridge has now some fifteen or twenty graduates in her midst.

Clarence Campbell, who has been pursuing his law studies at Lincoln College, Oxford, spent an enjoyable month before Christmas touring the continent with the Oxford Ice Hockey Team.

Jean Millar, '25, has the position of librarian in the Medical Library, University.

Bill Grindley, '24, is continuing his work for his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, where he is connected with the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Wilma Swinarton, '26, has completed her course at Garbutt Business College, Calgary, and is now working on the Girls' Board, C.G.I.T.

Max Palmer's ('23) address is 3924 3rd St. W., Calgary. When last heard from he was an oil-broker in that city.

Dorothy McAlpine, '26, has a position in the North Side Library, Edmonton. She says she got her experience in handling heavy tomes in the English course at the University.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Prior are at present in Portugal, where they will remain a year studying the language before proceeding to West Africa, where Mr. Prior, B.S.A. '26, will be an Industrial Missionary under the United Church of Canada.

Dorothy Smith, '25, is teaching French and English in the High School at Red Deer. She and Marion Gimby are "batching" in a jolly little apartment, and are enjoying life tremendously.

Gwen Toby, '26, is working in the Lab. at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton.

Ferdie Lehmann, '21, is continuing his studies at Cambridge University, England, and hopes to receive his Ph.D. from that institution in the Spring.

John T. Jones and John Cassels spent Christmas in Rome. While on the continent they visited Florence, Genoa and Paris, "and saw two pretty girls, but didn't meet them."

Marguerite Cooper, '26, is working in her father's office in Calgary.

Louise Patterson is now in Edmonton, as Superintendent of the Junior Red Cross for Alberta.

Jack Tames, '25, is in the emergency department of the Westinghouse, Hamilton, where he is working on the electrical design of induction motors, while A. V. Baldwin, B.Sc. '25, is in the Radio department testing loud speakers.

Reva Studholme, '25, is teaching near Wainwright, Alberta, while Grace Studholme, '25, is continuing her musical studies in Edmonton.

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Bill Martin, M.Sc. '26, left at the beginning of January for the University of Minnesota, where he will continue his research work on drought-resistant plants.

Helen McQueen, '26, has been taking a business course at McTavish Business College, but is at present visiting her brother, Rob, M.A. 1920, in Saskatoon.

Anne Bain, Com. '26, has a position in the Department of the Attorney-General, Edmonton.

The members of the Alberta colony at Oxford—John Cassels, '24, Ted Gowan, '25, Clarence Campbell, '26, and J. T. Jones, M.A. '26—meet quite regularly. Clarence writes from Oxford: "We get together every two or three weeks for tea, and talk over old times and the happenings at the U. of A."

James A. Macdonald, B.Sc. '24, writes from Timmins, Ontario.

Marcel Jean-Richard, '23, is lecturing in French at the University of Manitoba. "Jean" returned to Canada this September after a year spent in France, where he continued his post-graduate work and renewed old friendships.

Bee Buckley, Arts '25, is teaching at Milo, according to latest advice.

Ethel Cobb teaches the young idea at Macleod. Macleod's fortunate.

Wallace Miller and Harold Phillips, of Class '26, attended the U.F.A. Convention in Ed-

monton this month. Phillips is at Langdon and Miller at Carmangay.

C. C. Kelly, '25, recently left for Trail, B.C., to take up a position as smelter.

Jim Laurie, graduate of last year in Agriculture and rugby, is in the Wheat Pool office, Calgary.

Spence Morrison is now connected with the Raymond School of Agriculture.

Wes Smith, Ag. '25, is grading at the Government Grain Grading Station at Edmonton.

Elmslie Gardiner, B.Sc. in Arts '22, received his Ph.D. from Berkeley last May. Elmslie is doing research work with The Standard Oil Co. of California. His address is 2001 Allston Way, Berkeley, Calif.

George E. Smith, Arts '26, was teaching in the High School at High River when word was last received. They must have a high old time down there.

Bob Wilson is teaching High School in Lethbridge, and has been heard lately to make uncertain noises which may possibly result in a Branch in that thriving community.

Val Melvain and Sox Lynch-Staunton (both Law '26) have made bold to communicate with ye editor. A layman would gather from the letter that Lethbridge is treating them passably well. Milvain is in the office of Virtue and Paterson, Lynch-Staunton with Hogg and Goodman.



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Walter Herbert, '23 and '26, is with the Wheat Pool, Calgary, acting as assistant secretary. He likes his work, and writes ecstatically of the Pool's stenos—but then, you know Walter.

Another member of that Captain Plunkett class, Law '26, is Jack Saucier, and Jack calls Calgary his abode; J. Fred Scott, barrister, etc., is his business affiliation.

F. W. Barclay ("Slippy") is articled to the firm of Robertson, Winkler, Hawe and Wilson, Edmonton.

G. J. Bryan, LL.B. '25, was called to the Bar in January. He was presented by George Van Allan, with whom he served his articles, and is continuing with the firm of Van Allan, Simpson & Co.

Ellie Butchart is with a brokerage firm in Vancouver.

E. W. Day (Ted) has deserted the legal profession, and is at present with Gillespie Grain Co., Edmonton.

"Hank" Gale is in a law office in Calgary.

Luther Jones is with the Land Titles Office, Edmonton.

S. Lefsrud has been called to the Bar, and is practising at Viking.

J. C. Mahaffy has been called to the Bar, and is with a law firm in Calgary.

A. G. Bramley-Moore has also deserted the legal profession, and is now with the Holland Canada Mortgage Co., Edmonton.

J. W. O'Brien is practicing law with B. F. Tanner, '25, at Cardston, Alta.

Morris Baker has been called to the Bar.

W. A. Short is connected with the firm of MacLean, Short and Cane, Edmonton.

Ronald Simmons is now married, and resides in California.

L. J. Shepperd, '25, has a thriving practice at Alliance.

Gregor Thom, '24, has been called to the Bar, and is now practising at Jasper.

Paul Poirier, '24, has been practising law in Edmonton since his graduation, and has lately been made a member of the firm of Milner, Carr, Dafoe and Poirier.

Bob Lamb, '23, is now living in San Francisco, and is an insurance adjuster for the Phoenix Assurance Co. of London.

Ewart Stutchbury, '22, has a thriving practice at Westlock, and rumour has it that he is shortly to depart for that bourne from which no traveller returns—quite the sane—

Orson Wright, '26, is articled with Abbot and McLaughlin, Edmonton.

John Gaunt, '26, last year's Chief Justice of the Students' Court, is with Macdonald, Weaver and Steer.

Mrs. Fitzsimons, '26, is articled to her husband, who is practising law in Edmonton.

Don Thomson, '26, is with Grant & Stewart, Edmonton.

The redoubtable Abe Millar, '24, is with the firm of Dawson & Millar, and has become the criminal expert of the firm.

Jack McAllister is making glad the hearts of his friends. He has been with the Sun Life Insurance Co. since graduation, and has received a promotion to the head office.

With the departure of Jack McAllister for Montreal, George Parney is the only surviving (in Edmonton) member of the old basketball squad that brought Varsity her first provincial and western university championship, 1921. Ellie Butchart is in Vancouver, Doug. York is mining in B.C., Perry Hamilton is in Portland, Oregon, Art Manson is practicing medicine in Montreal, A. Necker is in Saskatchewan somewhere, and Dickie Conrad is dead.

Gordon Saunders, Med. '26, has removed his family to Sedgewick, where he applies the principles and practices of medicine to advantage.

Edith Hamilton, Med. '26, is interning at the Boston Floating Hospital.

The only news from Ruth Lyoness, Med. '26, comes from Scotty Devlin. He reports seeing her at the Sick Children's Hospital, Winnipeg, where she is interning.

Johnnie Glenn has left the University Hospital for the City Hospital N.Y. Johnnie was given a royal send-off by the nurses and medical students of the U. of A. He entered the train under a storm of confetti and showered with kisses from his bride—George Haworth, dressed according to the fashion of the times.

Leon MacGregor has received a lecturing scholarship in Pathology from the University of Minnesota for a period of three years, at the end of which time she will receive her Ph.D.

Among the alumni present at the Undergrad on Friday, January 28, were: Miss Sada Kiteley, Mr. Clare Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kane, Mr. Howard Emery, Mr. P. G. Davies, Miss Anne Wilson, Mr. E. B. Wilson, Miss Gwen Toby, Miss Gwen Little, Mr. Bill Bloor, Mr. D. P. MacDonald, Mr. Cecil Edwards, Mr. S. G. MacDonald, Mr. S. C. Stephens, and Mr. C. V. Jeffries.

THE LETTER BOX

(Continued from page 14)

her best, there's small hope of leading anything except a funeral.

The cover design on "The Trail" is fine and dandy—from an old timer. It makes my feet itch, makes me look up the old bed roll and—but when I turn the cover that feeling is like the Queen of Spades—lost in the shuffle. Leaders! Shades of Dad Ottewell! When Dad started there was an eddy behind him—and L. Y. Cairns and John of Gaunt and Paddy Nolan and dozens more. Come on, you old war horses, and well push this—old creak clear over the Rockies.

There is room for all, even the Aggies (they can plant flowers along "The Trail", cowslips in the boggy places—a real smart

one might even be able to find a pickle or two of wheat in all this chaff.)

My own specialty will come in when you get into high (like an Englishman's game). I have a few stories hung up by the tail—when they're ripe they'll drop off.

Well, cheerio,

KIDD.

Olds, Alberta.

Editor, The Trail.

Just received the October Trail and read with interest J. McMillan's letter regarding the proposed reduction in fees. I must say I do not favor the scheme, and do not think it will result in any appreciable increase in membership. It is not because the fee for members-at-large is two dollars that more do not join the Association, nor is it because the graduates have lost interest in the University. I think the reason is that we are somewhat lazy, and something always intervenes between our good intentions and their fulfilment. If your business manager could solicit each graduate personally most of them would gladly pay the fee. I have been acting for some time as business manager for another Alumni Association. The fee in this association is one dollar, and in spite of all we can do we can scarcely raise the number of "outside" members above a certain number which is about the same from year to year. It is the personal appeal which counts—for when we sent personal letters to three hundred as an experiment a relatively large number of memberships came in. We have tried all kinds of schemes before, such as reducing the membership fee, making club offers, putting on contests, etc., but the results were very discouraging. It is out of the question to send personal letters or to solicit personally a large number, so I have not as yet made a constructive contribution. I am sure of this, however, that cutting the membership fee will result in nothing more than a decrease in your yearly receipts. There are about a dozen U. of A. grads here, and I am going to talk the matter over with them.

I believe your vigorous editorial will do more to waken the sleeping consciences than anything that has been done heretofore. I believe the Alumni will yet justify your having faith in their interest, which needs only to be aroused to become actively evident.

Could small branches not be formed in the smaller towns in the same way that locals of many organizations are formed? For example, here in Olds there are twelve or more of us, and I am sure every one would be glad to support the Association in any way if they were asked personally. There are possibly as many more at each of such towns as Red Deer, Lacombe, Stettler, Banff, etc. One graduate in each town could start the local branch, and I have no doubt that every grad-

uate would be willing, even glad, to take a share of the responsibility for keeping the local up and doing. Through these small groups it would be possible to keep contact with individuals more easily than with a more centralized organization. Strong provincial bodies have used this plan with great success, and I believe that we could.

One who was aimed at and hit.

Sincerely,

E. L. CHURCHILL.

Timmins, Ont.

Editor, The Trail.

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. MacMillan's letter in the last copy of The Trail, I wish to approve the suggestions made, viz.:

1. Members-at-large to pay a yearly fee of one dollar to the central association.

2. Branch member to pay branch assessment, plus one dollar a year to the central association.

3. That The Trail be sent to members in good standing only.

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G. L. Flack, '19, '20.
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R. Lillico, '20.
W. J. McLeod, '23, '24.
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S. C. Robinson, '23.
C. E. Ruddy, '24.
J. Russell, '22.
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S. Sawula, '22.
E. Smith, '18, '24.
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In a Correspondence Debate recently conducted jointly by The Gateway and the Dalhousie Gazette, the representatives of Dalhousie won an 8-6 judges decision, The Gateway announces.

The debate aroused considerable interest last fall during the time it was running simultaneously in both papers. The subject, "That compulsory attendance at lectures is in the best interests of the student body," was favored by Alberta's team, Jack Sweeney and Emily Horricks, while Arthur Murphy and Freda Winfield of Dalhousie opposed.

Each "speaker" had one article of about one thousand words printed, each team had a rebuttal article, the articles appearing in successive issues of the papers and in order, as speeches would in platform debate. The editors of college

papers in Canada rendered the verdict, eight voting for Dalhousie, six for Alberta.



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VARSITY HOOPSTERS ARE NORTHERN ALBERTA CHAMPS

Y Team, Containing Men Familiar to Many Graduates, Beaten for Third Straight Time—Hockey News

Jimmy Bill's lightning senior hoop specialists brought home their third straight victory of 35-22 over the Y squad in the final game played in the Y.M.C.A. Jan. 26. Greenlees, Galbraith and Brynildson kept up a high speed well-developed combination with Gowda and Obe O'Brien, which proved too much for the overtown hoop artists. Parney was the shining light for the Y's, managing to bulge the hemp for 14 points. "Long Shot" Brynildson fired a continuous barrage at the Y hoop, and slipped through three baskets in quick succession, counting twelve points for the whole game. "Obee" O'Brien, with Greenlees, guarded the ring for the campus "sheiks," and managed to break nearly every one of Parney's and Doc Dunsworth's combination plays. "Hubby" Husband is still under the weather. It is doubtful just

when Sid Stephens, who is suffering from a broken bone in his wrist, will be able to join the ranks of the green and gold again. Along with Kilgour, he acted as official.

The lineup:

Varsity—Forwards, Gowda (3); Brynildson (12), Galbraith (10); guards, O'Brien and Greenlees (10); subs, Williams and Thompson.

Y. M. C. A.—Forwards, Parney (14), Elesky (2), Dunsworth (4); defence, Haliburton, Perring (2); subs, Stephens, McAllister and Dagg.

The hockey boys are having a stiff uphill fight in the Senior City League this winter. They are now resting at the bottom. However, some good hockey has been developed.

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CANADIAN ANCESTRY-WORSHIP

(Continued from page 4)

man's thought reacts to the benefit and glory of Canada.

For many years, Canada has been suffering from the maintenance of a misfit upper chamber. The original object for the Senate was to provide sectional security, which could not be guaranteed in a House of Commons of elected members, with respect to legislation. Our short but fruitful history has shown us that, viewed from its original *raison d'être*, the Senate is a fizzle. What a blessing it would be if old Sir John were to send us a little message from Marcia assuring us that he and his associates would not consider it disrespectful if we were to change his old Senate!

There are many rumors among men! And some blunt, hard-boiled westerners even go so far as to suggest right out in the open that Canada could stand some changes in her banking arrangements.

Of course, it's in the B.N.A. Act—right in section 91—that all matters pertaining to banks and banking shall be under the exclusive control of the federal government. But, even so, it's interesting to ruminate about what Sir John would think if he could see the crying need of generous provincial banks, as some of our prominent agrarian statesmen see it. Or if he could have just one glance at the way the Bank of Montreal octopus has its sinuous tentacles wrapped around the throat of our helpless Alberta!

To suggest that there is some thread, be it ever so silken and slight, of connection between ancestry-worship, on the one hand, and matters of divorce and solemnization of marriage, on the other, seems farcical. But is it? Those "men of '65" set it down in black and white that the federal government should deal exclusively with "marriages and divorce," and that the provinces should control the "solemnization of marriage in the province." Far be it from me to be so absurd

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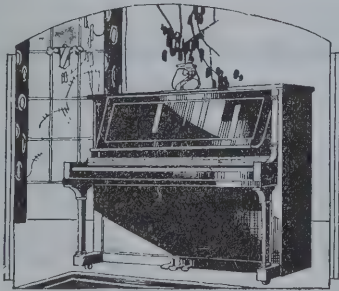
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as to suggest that these matters were not wisely decided in the confederation debates, in view of then existing conditions. But we all know now that those two above-mentioned sections are antagonistic, not only superficially, but fundamentally. Much litigation has evolved around them, and there is still an oppressive element of doubt about it all. One almost fears to get married, lest the solemnization of that happy event be repugnant to either section 91 or section 92, and hence null and void. Horrors! And this is Canada? Yes; Canada, still dominated by the shades of men who served their country well, and died expecting us to use our initiative and reigning powers.

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CALGARY BRANCH NEWS

The first meeting of the season took the form of a dinner at the Board of Trade rooms, Nov. 5. About forty guests were present. The speaker of the evening, Jack McClung, gave an interesting talk on the Law Courts of London, tracing them from the days of the Knights Templar to the present. Mr. George Burrell gave three excellent vocal solos.

On December 3 the club took advantage of the presence in town of Prof. Broadus, to hold a dinner in his honor at the Board of Trade rooms. As the notice given was necessarily short, there were not as many present as usual. Following the dinner, Dr. Broadus gave an informal talk on University affairs in the early days, and brought the Calgary Branch in touch with recent events among professors and students.

On the evening of Dec. 17 Mrs. Nellie McClung entertained the club at her home, 1501 7th St. W. Those present

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McDonald's Academy was the rendezvous for the 1926 reunion. The committee in charge consisted of Mr. Duncan McNeill, Mr. E. C. Snyder, Mr. Jim Nicholl, Mr. Henry Gale, Mr. Jim Mahaffy, and Mr. W. K. Gross. A large number of Alumni members, their friends and graduates and students from other universities visiting here, were present.

GEORGINA H. THOMSON,
Sec., Calgary Branch.

DEATH OF CANADIAN V.C.

The death has occurred in Potter's Bar Cottage Hospital, following an accident, of Captain George B. McKean, V.C. Captain McKean was sawing some logs at his mills at Cuffley when the wood splintered and his head came in contact with the revolving saw. Terrible injuries were inflicted, and he died a few hours later without regaining consciousness.

He had an interesting career. Born in Bishop Auckland in 1890, he went to Canada alone when he was 15 years of age, and worked on a cattle ranch, and later on a farm owned by his brother. In 1911 he entered Robertson College, and in the following year was registered with the University of Alberta as a student in arts and sciences.

Three years later he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and had been promoted to the rank of sergeant when he went to France in 1916. He was granted a commission in the field in 1917, and was awarded the V.C. in 1918. He was twice wounded.

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(From a paper by W. McL. Clarke,
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One of the principal requirements of the exporter is a constant supply of reliable information regarding the quality and the extent of those outside markets in which he is interested. Local conditions and tendencies in distant markets

foreign production figures, import and export statistics, the means of approach and the ways of distribution, statutes relating to tariffs, currency movements, co-operation laws, patent and trade-marks legislation, regulations affecting commercial travellers and those affecting the labelling and packing of foodstuffs, the status of embargoes, sales and stamp taxes: transportation and freight rates; on these and related subjects no Canadian firm—or for that matter no group of firms—is in a position to provide such a service of specialized fact finding on the one hand and of active co-operation on the other as is necessary to enable them to take full advantage of openings as they arise for the extension of their trade in foreign fields. And it was for this purpose that the Commercial Intelligence Service was organized.

The Service dates from 1892, when an order in council was passed authorizing the appointment of six part-time Commercial Agents in the West Indies. Two years later the first full-time official was sent abroad, when the department opened an office in Australia. At the present time 24 offices are maintained, located at various strategic centres, and covering all the more important markets of the world. Each office is in charge of a trade commissioner, who is a business man and economist, who is thoroughly familiar with Canadian resources and industries as well as with market conditions in the territory in which he is stationed. He is thus in a position to give Canadian exporters the benefit of his advice on the absorptive capacity of the market so far as it related to Canadian goods.

In addition to the assistance which is rendered by the Canadian Trade Commissioners there is a special arrangement which was arrived at in 1912, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whereby the services of the British Commercial Diplomatic Officers, as well as those of British Consuls are available for Canadian firms seeking overseas trade opening in countries where Canada is not represented by a Trade Commissioner.

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Move on rapid feet.
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To and fro the planet
In the sunlight's glare,
Grave-eyed humanity
Scurries here and there.
With air of bored detachment—
A comical effect—
They dodge the rolling wheels of Chance,
Moving circumspect.

To and fro the Universe,
Through the fields of time,
Solemn solar systems
Spin and curve and climb.
With air of mock solemnity,
Or simulated smiles,
They dodge gigantic nebulae,
Down eternal aisles.

Only God and I alone,
In mutual esteem,
Known the atom and the sun
Are nothing but a dream.

—R. V. C.

PREPARING A PLAY

The Association, assisted by the Edmonton Branch, is preparing to produce a play, same to be presented in Convocation Hall the week preceding Convocation itself. There are few details to announce as yet, but with Professor Adam directing and with the available talent, the drama when played, is sure to be a success.



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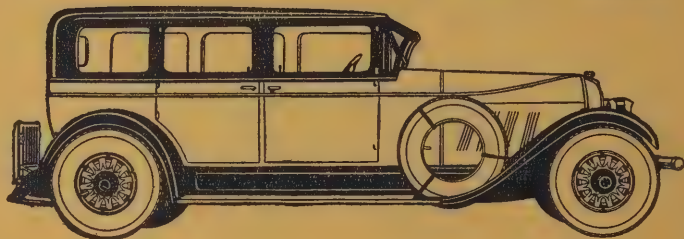
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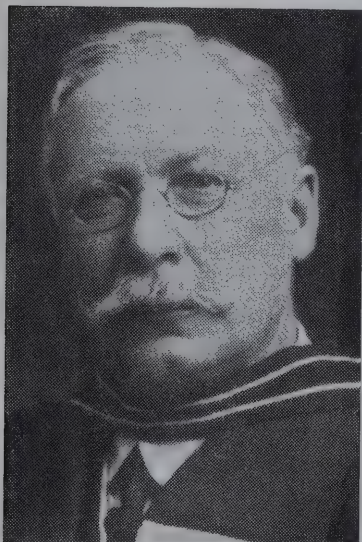


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THE U. OF A.'S NEW CHANCELLOR



THE HON. A. C. RUTHERFORD,
B.A., B.C.L., LL.D.

The Honourable Alexander Cameron Rutherford, founder of the University of Alberta, has now been made its chancellor. In electing Dr. Rutherford to this office, Convocation shows its appreciation of the many and signal services which he has done the University both before its opening and since.

A. C. Rutherford was born in Osgood, Carlton County, Ontario, on February 2, 1857. He graduated in Arts from Mc-

Gill University in 1881, receiving the degree of B.C.L. in the same year. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by the University of Toronto in 1907, by the University of Alberta in 1907, and by McMaster University in 1908. He is also a King's Counsel.

After practising law at Ottawa, he came west to Strathcona in 1895, and represented that constituency in the legislature of the North West Territories from 1902 until 1905. During this period he was Deputy Speaker of the house. On the formation of the province of Alberta in 1905 he was elected to the new legislature and chosen to form the first ministry. In addition to the premiership, Dr. Rutherford held the portfolios of Minister of Education and Provincial Treasurer until his retirement from active politics in 1910.

At the very first session of the legislature of Alberta, Dr. Rutherford's ministry provided the machinery for the creation of a provincial university, and in 1908 the university was opened in accordance with the earlier act. In 1910 the formal organization of the University was completed with the passing of a comprehensive measure to provide for a Board of Governors and a Senate.

In addition to his purely official duties as Premier and Minister of Education, Dr. Rutherford worked enthusiastically for the building of a strong university based on the firmest of business

and educational foundations. Dr. Rutherford had brought Dr. Tory to Alberta in 1907 to be president of the University, and on May 9, 1909, Dr. Rutherford and Dr. Tory turned the first sod for the erection of the University's buildings. This ceremony is annually recalled when on Founder's Day, its anniversary, Dr. Rutherford is host to the graduating class of the University. Absence in the east prevented Dr. Rutherford this year from being present at that function for the first time since its inception seventeen years ago.

Dr. Rutherford presented one of the

first three scholarships given in the University, and has donated a gold medal annually since 1912 for the highest standing of a senior student reading for honours in the Department of English. He was an ex officio member of the Senate of the University until its re-organization in 1910. At the first election for the new Senate in 1911, he was returned to that position, and at each subsequent election has been re-elected. On May 21 of this year he was raised to the position of Chancellor of the University, which post, it is hoped, he will consent to fill for many years.

THE Seventeenth Annual Convocation, May 13, 1927, saw the conferring of 222 degrees and diplomas. A few were higher degrees granted to Alberta alumni. Deducting these, we welcome almost two hundred new members to our midst.

Convocation, besides turning out the usual batch of B.A.'s, B.Sc.'s, B.Com.'s, LL.B.'s, B.S.A.'s, M.A.'s, M.Sc.'s, M.D.'s, B.Educ.'s, B.H.Ec.'s, let loose upon an unsuspecting world the U. of A.'s first graduates in Dentistry and Nursing (B.Sc.). They are the predecessors of many more destined to follow in future years.

Doctors of Laws, honoris causa, was conferred on two prominent citizens—Lieutenant-Governor Egbert and Chancellor Beck.

The University, as Convocation shows, is becoming quite an educational mill, grinding out nearly two hundred graduates yearly. That, you will probably admit, is quite an accomplishment for a university in the youthful and sparsely-settled Alberta.

Is not the thing being overdone, will probably be asked. We are scarce warranted in making the financial outlay our institution of higher learning demands, some may say. The stories of the exodus of our own highly trained citizens are causing uneasiness to many.

It is true that quite a number of our graduates go farther than the provincial boundary before they stop. This is in-

evitable. The Province's contribution is more than local. Yet the fact is that the great majority of our graduates remain to build up the province that educated them. Then, as has been suggested before, we receive university graduates into the province that probably equal in numbers those exported.

LET us hope that the '27 graduates prove a credit to their university. And may they not forget their Alma Mater and their Alumni Association.



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THE CULTURE HOAX

(A Fragment of Ill-Humor)

Like the terms democracy, brotherhood of man, friendship, philosophy of life and kindred sentimentalisms, the word culture has been so often misapplied that today its use is often a travesty on education.

To many, culture is a working knowledge of the opera of Emerson or Van Dyke, Engelmann or Rachmaninoff, and a hazy idea that Raphael was a Greek or something. A quack in Bedouin fables, Sanskrit or Buddhism will develop a deluge of o-cedar in the best homes. The paradox of an engineer quoting Robert Service stamps him as especially cultured. The historical or literary in a man's repertoire of facts is considered as making him more cultured than the facts of science. Humanism in the Renaissance had a well-defined meaning for a cultured man as one who could quote easily from Latin or Greek. We have the inheritance today in the idea that culture is a matter of mental content. It is not that any subject or set of subjects has left the man any better able to appreciate life, or has given him certain qualities of personality, but simply that he is familiar with a set of facts. "If as Ruskin assures us, a man damns himself forever as a man of culture when he speaks of Iphegenia as Iphegénia, it is not because his ear has not been trained in general, but because he has not learned to accent that particular word and others like it; in short, he does not know things that people of a certain set do know."

Such an attitude makes knowledge mere information rather than the way the mind has of reacting; and it makes culture the annexation of facts rather than the direction of behaviour in the way of human interests. If a man is to be called cultured because he can recite the poems of Tennyson, then a wine-taster who is familiar with the gamut of liquors from Jove's nectar to Chinese whiskey is also cultured. If the former catches the fancy of the poetry circle of the Ladies' Aid, the latter adds to the enjoyment of the

rest of us. Surely no one has the right to dictate to others the information of which he must be possessed to enter into the happy hunting grounds of the elect.

To stress only one of the human values that form the substance of the social structure must result in a lopsidedness that is likely to bring about the destruction of the whole. The Greeks in the latter days emphasized a form of the political value and the state was lost in a debacle of individualism. Rome went over the board on a wave of social excess, and the Puritans soused the first modern republic with too much religion. Today an over-emphasis of the economic value results in hog-raisers, appendix removers and bill-board painters, but not artists, doctors of medicine or agriculturists. Sometime or other these "specialists" discover the existence of education and applying it as a balm to their conceit they call it culture. But if an individual is to be considered educated or cultured (the terms are synonymous in correct usage) none of the values may be overlooked in the formative stage of his behaviour. The lack of the incorporation of any one of the interests of society in the consciousness of a personality will result in the incomplete realization of self, an education faulty in that respect. In his estimation of the value of science, Spencer fell into the fallacy of excluding a social interest when he said "Accomplishments, the fine arts, belles-lettres, and all those things which, as we say, constitute the efflorescence of civilization, should be wholly subordinate to that knowledge of discipline in which civilization rests. As they occupy the leisure part of life, so should they occupy the leisure part of education." It is contended that efflorescence in education is non-existent. To some individuals, "accomplishments, the fine arts, belles-lettres" constitute the centrality of behavior; to all they are requisite to complete understanding and

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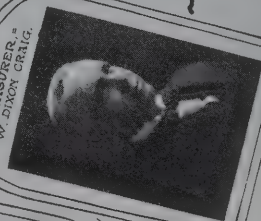
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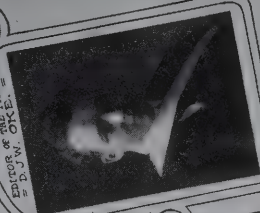
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May 1st, 1926, to May 31st, 1927.

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand May 1st, 1926.....		\$ 471.47
Fees, Edmonton Branch	\$ 53.50	
Calgary Branch	12.00	
Members at large	379.00	
		444.50
Trail Advertising		419.17
Banquet, 1925, Balance	\$ 20.00	
1926	241.50	
1927	241.50	
		503.00
		<u>\$1,838.14</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Trail, Printing	\$ 313.42	
Postage, Cuts, etc.	141.79	
Commission	96.40	
		\$ 551.61
Stationery, other printing, etc.		79.45
Wreath and flowers		28.10
Advertising (Lilies of the Field).....		45.36
Banquet, 1925.....	\$ 213.00	
1926.....	195.00	
1927.....	225.00	
		633.00
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Year Book		18.65
Sundry		39.27
Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation		100.00
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Balance on hand, May 31st, 1927.....		218.70
		<u><u>\$1,838.14</u></u>

THE TEMPLE

I must say that I knew little about the Temple when I was taken to see it. Late one gusty afternoon in October, 1924, a. Alberta and Oxford man generously absented himself from his journalistic labours to take me about that particularly interesting part of London that lies between the West-End and the City. Inter alia, to coin a phrase, I was hurried down Middle Temple Lane, rushed through Pump Court to the Temple Church—I remember the great eddies of fallen leaves and the sullen pools of water on the black flagstones—and in a very short space of time I was brought up sharply on Fleet Street again by his remark, "That's your Temple." I realized then that every law-student was presumed to know his Temple, ignorance no excuse and so on, so I sighed deeply and hoped the impression I was conveying was one of overwhelming emotion. Ordinarily it would not, but he was a busy young man for he had much to show me.

A year later I was again in the Temple as a student in a barrister's chambers in this very Pump Court through which I had been rushed. At least rushing through Pump Court was warning if not very entertaining. So now I entertained myself as I sat close by the meagre gas-fire, reading that Pump Court was so named by thirsty Temple folk who used to draw their water there. Plenty of that always, I thought. Or I looked out on the last of the season's touri as they were shepherded into the Court to see the scarred masonry where an aerial bomb had fallen into the cellars adjacent to the church. By this time that part of me next the fire was well done. Moving away a little I plunged into my reading, forgetting the cold Canadians are not supposed to feel, and learning how Dr. Johnson and Charles Lamb had lived around the corner, that Oliver Goldsmith lay in the churchyard I could see, and that the Fountain Court across the Lane was the Fountain Court of Charles Dickens and Ruth Pirch. And I wonder if it was inordinately vain of me to close that book and open a law text when I

read that Sir John Simon's chambers were just down the Lane.

But it is necessary to locate our Temple and that is best done by the journey eastwards along the Strand from Trafalgar Square. The river runs on the right hand at a distance of, roughly, four hundred yards, and shortly after passing the northern approach to Waterloo Bridge, soon to be demolished, there appears in the middle of the roadway a granite slab. This marks the former site of Temple Bar, the official entrance to the city. On the left stands the imposing Royal Courts of Justice and on the right, hidden behind the shops, lies that area known as the Temple.

It is here that the Strand flows into Fleet Street; the change is imperceptible, traffic still dense and the street a continuation of churches, taverns, eating-houses (the Cheshire Cheese is close by), booksellers in great profusion and all sorts of ancient marts jutting and leaning on to the street at queer and alarming angles. Here and there may be seen narrow roadways and entrances for pedestrians into the Temple, and once passed the gates, which are open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., the traffic sounds are subdued and an entrance has been made into the quiet courts, the spacious gardens and the mediaeval buildings where the barristers work, and where many of them live while in town.

The Temple is singularly pleasing in one respect, for its origin is not shrouded in mystery. It appears that the "Order of the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Jesus Christ and the Temple of Solomon," shortly called the Knights Templar, soon after their foundation in England early in the 12th century, purchased this tract of land and erected thereupon the necessary church, refectory, butteries and cells without which no religious order is either religious or orderly. Upon the dissolution of the Order in 1312, the land passed quickly through various hands into the possession of the lawyers. At first the lawyers held by lease, but in 1609 it became the sole property of the law socie-

ties of the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple, by whom it has been retained, "with characteristic tenacity," as Ringrose comments in his interesting work, "The Inns of Court."

Before acquiring the Temple property the lawyers had been scattered about in various buildings in this vicinity, for when the clergy were forbidden in 1207 by canon from pleading in the temporal courts, it devolved on the laity to appear in the Courts on behalf of their litigiously inclined brethren. The newly-created students at law, in looking about for a place of study, selected this part of London, which was midway between the noisome city and the King's Court at Westminster. The hotels and inns they settled in were soon called the Inns of Court. Study was made of the common law of England, and also, as Sir John Fortescue has written, the students of the Inns "did learn to dance, to sing, to play on instruments on the ferial days and to study divinely on the festival."

The Inns of Court now number four: Lincoln's Inn, Gray's Inn, the Middle Temple, and the Inner Temple. None take precedence over the others today, but possibly through the glories of their history and in the pride of the present possessions the latter two rank first. The Temple Church, one of the few round churches in England, belongs to both; Middle Temple Hall is one of the finest examples of Elizabethan architecture in the kingdom, and Inner Temple Library is famous for its priceless manuscripts. Students today, as always, express their preferences, but this can be predicated on grounds of sentiment only.

Although the Inns do not neglect social arts, they are primarily concerned with the admitting and calling of students to the bar, for it is only through them that a student may become a barrister. Each Inn consists of benchers, barristers and students. Benchers are unlimited in num-

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SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

"B" Timmons, B.Sc. '24, at 208 Renfrew Lodge, Vancouver, B.C., apologizes for the tardy delay in remitting her subscription money to "The Trail." We have heard rumors, "B," so will forgive you.

Dr. Harry A. Pearce, B.A. '19, writes from 3744 Taylor Avenue, Detroit, Michigan: "I read 'The Trail' from cover to cover, but have never written to give you my correct address. When I left good old Varsity I proceeded to McGill to complete my course in Medicine, graduating in 1922. I wrote my Dominion Council and then proceeded to Ann Arbor, where I passed the Michigan State Board. Then commenced an internship at Harper Hospital, which culminated in becoming Resident Obstetrician and Gynaecologist. I am now following my chosen specialty in Detroit, being a member of the Harper Hospital Staff, and Consultant to Florence Crittenton Maternity Hospital. Like all true westerners, I was married in June, 1926, to Miss Frances Wressell, of Port Austin, Michigan, and we now reside at the above address. I will endeavour to locate all the U. of A. men in Detroit, and let you know of their doings." That's the stuff, Harry!

Margaret Myfanwy Roberts, B.A. '27, is spending the summer at Echo Hill, Alberta, as teacher in the rural school. She expects to leave for the east in the Fall.

Alfred Rehwinkel, B.A. '16, is residing at 11212 62nd St., Edmonton.

C. H. Mealing, B.Sc. '26, has been heard of from Sandon, B.C.

Isabel (Belle) Beveridge, B.A. '22, is now at Innisfail, Alberta.

Marjorie Race, B.Sc. '27, has begun her work as pupil dietitian at the University Hospital.

Marjorie Sherlock, B.A. '26, who is holder of the 1927 I.O.D.E. Scholarship, is leaving at the end of August for Oxford to resume her studies.

Earl R. P. Copeland, B.Sc. '22, is grateful that an application form to subscribe to "The Trail" was sent him and expresses the wish not only that all U. of A. grads may be reached, but that they will all respond to the call for subscriptions. Mr. Copeland writes: "Mrs. Copeland, our son Gerald and myself are feeling first-rate and are receiving information first-hand concerning irrigated gardens and irrigated farming at Rosemary, Alberta."

C. D. Osterland, B.Sc. '26, at 317 Elias Avenue, Peterboro, Ontario, is at present in the employ of the Canadian General Electric Co., but expects to "return in due time to the wonderful west."

Olive Haw, B.A. '25, is now in the senior French and English Department in the Lethbridge High School. Her address is 1018 1st Avenue S, Lethbridge, Alberta. Thanks for the subscription, Olive.

Mrs. W. A. Cory (nee Gladys Johnson, B.A. '20) has written from Brooks, Alberta, to inform us of another future alumnus.

Mrs. A. Louise Mundell (nee Miss A. L. MacLeod, B.A. '19), of Lemberg, Saskatchewan, is a member in good standing. She has exercised her franchise.

Harold H. Phillips, B.S.A. '26, is farming at Langdon, and has expressed his desire to join the Calgary Branch of our Association.

The Misses "Billie" Young and Madge Deane, both recent graduates in Household Economics, expect to leave for Vancouver on June 15th to serve their internship as pupil dietitians at the Vancouver General Hospital. What about the Calder Hospital, Billie?

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Weston (nee Mildred Rowe, B.A. '24) have set up home in Akron, Michigan, a town of some five hundred inhabitants, and find "business quite good in spite of the fact that the Akron Bank closed shortly after they arrived."

The Westons also have mentioned that they hear occasionally from Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Stocks, both recent graduates of Alberta. Mrs. Stocks was formerly Miss Margaret Matthias, B.A. '25. They are reported as enjoying life in Toronto.

Fred Stewart, B.Sc. '25, at 264 Hunter Street, Peterboro, Ontario, expresses regret at his long silence, and hopes to do better in the future. We hope so too, Fred, but wonder whether "Joanna Irene" will not keep you very well occupied.

Arthur V. Baldwin, B.Sc. '25, gives us his address as 163 Sanford Avenue W., Hamilton, Ontario.

Frank L. Grindley, B.A. '25, B.Sc. '26, who is with the Aluminium Company of Canada, at Arvida, P.Q., is a bit remorseful over his lack of application to French when a student at the U. of A. She must be French, Frank.

Norman Scott, B.Sc. '24, reports that he is a pioneer in the drug business at Barrhead, Alberta, and business looks promising.

After spending the winter teaching at Vermilion—amongst other things—Mildred H. Bell, B.H.Ec. '26, has decided to remove to 2148 Pentland Rd., Oak Bay, Victoria, B.C., for the summer.

F. C. Cousins, B.A. '22, is a member of the firm, Diefenbaker, Cousins and Godfrey, at Prince Albert, Sask. They have also a branch office at Wakaw, Sask.

"Not given to rambling," Harry A. White, B.A. '16, LL.B. '18, has found his "Utopia" at Mundare, Alberta—"excellent health, happiness and comfortable means." "It strikes me," he writes, "that the officials of the Alumni Association show a great deal of patience and perseverance in their work of making the Association and 'The Trail' the success they have been. Surely the members of the Alumni should at least promptly do the financing (contribute the 2 bucks without delay, I mean)." Thanks, Harry!

Wanted for Clarence W. Keer, B.S.A. '26, a town where "the wind doesn't blow a dust-storm every day." Clarence is buying grain for the U.G.G. at Magrath, Alberta, but expects to move north very soon.

John H. English, B.Com. '25, is Assistant Trade Commissioner for the Department of Trade and Commerce, Canada, and is now stationed at 44 Whitehall Street, New York.

The teaching of European History at the College of Wooster, Ohio, is the "one job" for Aileen Dunham, B.A. '20, 647 Beall Ave., Wooster. The study of Renaissance Art in Italy this summer will be very pleasant for you, Aileen!

Miss Dorothy Diller, B.A. '22, M.A. '23, of Macleod; G. F. Hollinshead, B.Sc. '24, of Wainwright; and G. L. Wilson, B.Sc. '25, attended the Easter Convention of the Alberta Educational Association, and found time to drop in for a short chat with the Secretary.

Amongst those present at Convocation and the annual banquet of the Association to the Graduating Students of Class '27 were Charlie Reilly, Russell Richards, R. Love, A. McGillivray, F. C. Manning, Helen Manning, and Marjorie Walker, of Vancouver.

C. B. McAllister, B.S.A. '21, alias Scottie, "the Oatmeal Savage," of 1209 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C., still "incidentally

keeps a hand in at the B.Sc. Agr. by acting as Sec.-Treas. for the Beaverbrook Ranch, Ltd., operating as a ranch, 5,000 acres south of Kamloops." A. P. Hunter, Hop Yuill of Medicine Hat, and Bill Esdale, former students at the University, apparently visited Scottie, who writes as follows: "We took in the first game of the Fort William vs. Trail Allan Cup semi-finals with us, and as past performers at Varsity we registered a kick from the proceedings. The Fort William vs. Grads finals of four games before packed arena of 10,000 fans at every game was an experience worth while, even if the scalpers did rook one on the tickets."

Mrs. George B. Langford (nee Irene Frazer, B.A. '23) just gives us her address, 117 Thurston Avenue, Ithaca, New York.

J. H. Sayers, LL.B. '21, is apparently "trying to keep the wolf from the door by administering Law and Justice" at Killam, Alberta. Thanks for the cheque in spite of the wolf, John.

Jessie Clarke Bickell, B.A. '24, you will find—only until June, Dame Rumour says—at 339 13th Avenue West, Calgary.

J. R. Henderson, B.Com. '26, is with the McCannell Bros. and Company, Chartered Accountants, 217 Dominion Bank Building, Calgary.

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The Agency Department of THE COMMERCIAL LIFE will be glad to take this matter up further with anyone who is interested.



Phyllis McBeath, B.Sc. '25, of Suite 2, 1154 Comax Street, Vancouver, has found it interesting relieving the teacher in the Mission School at Ahousat, B.C. "The mail arrives by steamer only three times a month here, but when 'The Trail' arrives," so Phyllis writes, "I'm satisfied till the next boat day, for there is so much in it to digest and enjoy."

Phyllis in her letter mentions having met Betty Lawson, B.Sc. '24, who is in the General Hospital, Vancouver, and Elna Pearson, B.Sc. '23, who is in charge of the Diet Kitchen at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver.

Lola Ferguson, B.Sc. '22, hopes to get back west before the most fashionable "fever of writing, or preparing a book"—quite prevalent around Columbia University—overtakes her. She is hoping to get her Master's degree in Health Education from Columbia University in June.

Lola also mentioned that Daphne Koenig, B.A. '22, was granted her Master's degree in Fine Arts in February and is teaching art in a high school in Toledo, Ohio.

Sid Bainbridge, B.A. '21, has written from Lamont, Alberta.

Jean Skene, B.Sc. '25, is in the Moose Jaw General Hospital, Moose Jaw.

Robert P. Miller, B.Sc. '20, expects to be in Venezuela, South America, for at least two years. His address is Apartado 33, Maracaibo, Venezuela, South America.

Jas. A. McDonald, B.Sc. '24, "at last has seen light." "The Trail" you will receive, James, c/o McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd., Schumacher, Ont. Thanks for your fee.

Ruth Balaam, B.A. '24, is still at Vegreville, Alberta.

Walter Herbert, B.A. '21, LL.B. '26, again writes from the Alberta Co-Operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., 226 Lougheed Bldg., Calgary.

Helen Armstrong, B.A. '25, is teaching in Calgary and can be reached at 633 7th Ave. West.

R. T. Hollies, B.Sc. '20, M.Sc. '21, is now at 442½ W. 4th Street, Long Beach, California.

Eva Brownlee, B.A. '23, gives her address as 9521 109th Ave., Edmonton.

Miss Hazel E. McIntyre, B.Sc. '24, is a member of the Household Economics Department at the University of Alberta.

Lu Shulman, B.Com. '26, gives his address as 323 37th Ave. S.W., Calgary.

G. C. French (Frenchy), B.A. '26, lives at 237 11A St. N.W., Calgary.

The following members of the Alumni Association received higher degrees at the Spring Convocation:

Master of Arts

Ethel Mildred Steele, B.A. '21.

William Edward Frame, B.A. '22.

Charles Vernon Jeffery, B.Com. '26.

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 Charles Frederick Reilly, B.A. '20.
 Sydney Campbell Stephens, B.Com. '25.
 William Herbert Swift, B.A. '24.

Master of Science

Alfred Ernest Clarke, B.A. '24.
 Darol Kenneth Froman, B.A. '26.
 Alfred Leahey, B.Sc. '25.
 John Adolph Victor Lehmann, B.Sc. '25.
 Clifford Earl Stacey, B.A. '24.
 Downs Hathaway Thomas, B.Sc. '26.

Amongst those who are employed in the Registrar's Office at the University are the following graduates: Marjorie (Bud) Graham, B.A. '24; Leslie M. Heathcote, B.A. '24; and Gladys Sorenson, B.A. '26.

Mabel Naomi Nix, B.A. '27, has been appointed Girls' Work Secretary for the Province of Alberta; her central office is at the I.O.O.F. Building, Calgary.

B. J. S. Macdonald, B.A. '24, LL.B. '26, has been pursuing post-graduate work at the Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.

Eleanor Matthews, B.A. '25, is on the teaching staff at St. Albert.

John McIntyre Cassels, B.A. '24 (Oxon.), is returning to the University of Alberta in the Fall to be lecturer in Political Economy.

Mrs. G. R. Barnes (nee Beulah M. McIntyre, B.A. '23) has written from Slave Lake, Alberta.

Daniel James McGregor Crawford, M.D. '27, is returning to the University as Bacteriological and Pathological interne in the Pathological Laboratory for the coming year.

Roy Jackson, B.A. '15, is with the firm, Byers, Heffernan and Jackson, 602 McLeod Building, Edmonton.

F. C. Manning, B.A. '24, is residing at 1415 Prospective Ave. W., Calgary.

Mr. E. T. Mitchell, B.A. '12, M.A. '13, and Mrs. Mitchell, B.Sc. '11, M.Sc. '12, have been heard from. Dr. Mitchell is on the staff of the Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, Texas.

A note has been received from H. McArthur, B.S.A. '21, giving us his address as 1708 Charles Street, Vancouver, B.C.

G. D. Misener, B.A. '12, M.A. '23, is teaching at Allan Grey School, Edmonton.

H. L. Densmore, M.A. '26, is practising medicine at Three Hills, Alberta.

R. D. Sinclair, B.S.A. '18, has for some years been on the staff of the Department of Animal Husbandry, University of Alberta.

A. B. Harvey, B.A. '19, will be a sessional instructor in Law at the University of Alberta, next session.

Norman Stover, B.Sc. '18, M.Sc. '21, is returning next session to be lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Alberta.

Margaret Malone, B.Sc. '24, is now Dietitian at the University Hospital, Edmonton.

Aileen Driscoll, B.A. '24, has been teaching at the Llanarthney School, Edmonton, for the past year.

Kenneth MacKenzie, B.A. '27, is employed in the Extension Department at the University of Alberta, revising debate material.

Irma Raver, B.Sc. '23, is at present in New York, but is expected home some time in July. To be married, we hear!

Geneva Fanning, B.Sc. '27, is leaving for New York, to enter St. Luke's Hospital as pupil dietitian.

Dorothy Richards, B.A. '23, is acting as Assistant Librarian at the University of Alberta.

Ruth MacLennan, B.A. '23, is assisting Dr. Allan in the Geology Department at the University as his secretary.

Bill Grindley, B.A. '23, B.Sc. '25, who has been pursuing post-graduate work in Agricultural Economics at the University of Minnesota, reports quite a colony of Canadians at Minnesota, including four U. of A. graduates.

Don Currie, B.A. '25, is interning in the Royal Alexandra Hospital this summer. He expects to remain there next winter, and with this experience and another year's lectures hopes to annex his M.D. at our next Convocation.

C. D. Reid, '23 and '24, is at Harvard. His address is 25A Shaler Lane, Cambridge, Mass.

Miss Mary C. Willison, '25, is teaching English and Art in the Consort High School.

Fred Etheridge, B.Sc. '26, is assaying for the Atlin Silver Lead Mines at Atlin, B.C. His duties include assaying, underground surveying, book-keeping, etc. His letter was written April 27th—and it was 8 below zero.

Leonard Trifler, B.Sc. '24, and Bill Burgess, B.Sc. '23, have just returned from the continent. Their tour included England, Scotland, Germany, France and Holland. Their present address is Trail, B.C.

Jack Marshall, LL.B. '27, has joined forces with the Sun Life Assurance Co., so that now the Sun Life is the largest Canadian company in the business. His address is U. of A.

Mrs. F. H. Graham (nee Bessie K. Fraser), Arts '20, is at Coleman, Alberta.

Keith B. Tester, Ag. '24, writes from c/o McBryde Sugar Co., Elelee, Kauai, Hawaii. He says: "If any Alberta grads visit the Islands, I'd be mighty pleased to hear from them."

High River, Alberta, will find D. W. Riley, Arts '25.

The engagement has been announced of H. L. (Hank) Gale, LL.B. '25, and Mildred Hamon, who took first year Law at the U. of A. The wedding will be in Calgary, June 7.

Those members of Class '26 who were fortunate enough to be in Edmonton for Con-

vocation this year were delighted with the class reunion held by Helen Boyle, at her home on May 15. Those present were: Mrs. Burt, Wilma Swinarton, Gladys Sorenson, Helen McQueen, Dorothy McAlpine, Louise Paterson, Professor Burt, honorary president of '26, Bill Watson, Frank Newson, Johnnie Macgregor, Andy Revell, Clarence Philp, Wes. Oke.

Six members of the Alberta English contingent—Ted Gowan and Clarence Campbell from Oxford, and Sam Laycock, Len and Margaret Huskins from London—got together on Sunday, March 20th, in London. After a concert at the Palladium they adjourned for eating and talking to the "Corner House," where they might still be had not the attendants turned the lights out.

Len Huskins writes from 23 The Avenue, Bedford Park, London, W. 4: "I have been appointed to the research staff of the John Innes Horticultural Institution, Mostyn Road, Merton, London, S.W. 19, and shall be carrying on there my genetical and cytological researches with oats and other plants. We shall be back in Canada, either permanently or for a visit, within three years' time. Meanwhile, we hope to greet lots of U. of A'ers over here. Hurry up and come on over."

WANTED ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI

Do you know where these Alberta graduates are? If so, please advise the Secretary of the Association, Mr. G. B. Taylor, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

N. H. Atkinson, '22.
H. Appleton, '14.
Mrs. W. F. Beamish (née Klyne Moraw), '18.
H. M. Baker, '26.
A. E. Burley, '21.
R. Bell, '16.
H. Bird, '15.
H. T. Butchart, '22.
H. Bosomworth, '15.
H. L. Baltzan, '24.
C. Banks, '21.
Milton Brown, '13 (B.Sc.).
John Boyd, '21.
Thomas Brown, '18 (B.S.A.).
J. A. Carswell, '20.
J. A. Cameron (Associate member).
N. Chrisof, '24.
Percy Downing, '25.
Miss C. Dobry, '21.

W. Davidson, '13.
S. J. Dymond, '15.
W. A. Deepprose, '26.
W. Draper, '13.
J. Edgar, '15, '16.
Miss N. Edman, '17.
F. E. J. P. Ellis, '26.
R. W. Evans, '22.
R. E. Fetter, '22.
James D. Ferguson, '24.
Miss L. Fraser, '21.
C. Flack, '25.
G. L. Flack, '19, '20.
Ralph Forster, '20.
Miss M. Gallay, '21.
H. D. S. Glen, '23.
J. B. Glover, '21.
Miss F. Henderson, '20.
H. Henry, '23.
A. E. Hayes, '16.
R. J. B. Hibbard, '21.
Miss E. H. Hobbs, '24.
G. R. Johnson, '23.
M. Jampolsky, '22.
H. C. Johnston, '22.
Miss M. Kask, '22.
J. McLarge, '26.
Miss E. Lake, '20.
C. Laws, '25.
Mrs. Robert Little (née Miss M. Gill).
Samuel Leonard, '19.
Robert Lillico, '20.
Barnett Lipson, '24.
Calvin L. Legg, '14.
A. F. Macauley, '22.
J. McCorry, '24, '26.
H. D. MacDonald, '15 (B.Sc.).
J. N. MacDonald, '16 (B.Sc.).
A. R. McBrine, '22, '24.
J. Y. McGookin, '21, '22, '24.
W. J. McLeod, '23, '24.
W. R. McDougall, '21.
D. M. McRae, '24.
Miss Isabella McDonald, '18.
R. W. Moss, '23.
Miss E. Mulholland, '23.
Miss M. Munro, '26.
Miss F. Moffat, '24.
Miss S. J. O'Connor, '24.
G. C. Paterson, '24.
Miss E. Pearson, '23.
W. C. Pearson, '24.
G. R. Porte, '15.
Harold Robinson, '17.
F. J. Richardson, '21.

S. C. Robison, '23.
 C. E. Ruddy, '24.
 Jas. Russell, '22 (LL.B.).
 Percy H. Russell, '16 (LL.B.).
 S. H. Sands, '20.
 H. Shankman, '23.
 Miss A. Shaver, '25.
 G. Salt.
 O. L. Stuart, '22.
 Miss M. Smith, '15.
 W. G. Soltan, '20.
 Mrs. R. B. Stillman, '19.
 W. L. Sterrit, '24.
 Miss A. Swanson, '22.
 C. H. Tookey, '20.
 H. B. Trout, '26.
 Rev. D. M. Thompson, '18.
 G. E. Thompson, '24.
 Mervyn A. Tuck, '24.
 Norman G. Thompson, '25.
 Miss Edna Wallis, '24.
 J. K. Wilson, '17.

Graduates will be interested to know that Jimmy Bill has left the employ of the University, and is now with the Bulletin Printers, overtown.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA QUARTERLY

The Spring number of this Alumni publication is with us. From the cover—printed in two colors—inward it is refreshingly bright and newsy.

We note that the editor, David A. MacLennan, leaves shortly to take charge of Hyde Park Presbyterian Church in Boston.

UNIVERSITY ELECTION RESULTS

At the election for chancellor and members of the senate of the University of Alberta, held on May 20, the following were duly elected:

Chancellor—The Honorable Alexander Cameron Rutherford, B.A., B.C.L., LL.D., of Edmonton.

Senate: The Reverend David George McQueen, B.A., D.D., LL.D., of Edmonton; Harry Grattan Nolan, B.A., of Calgary; William Fulton Gillespie, M.A., M.B., of Edmonton; Reverend Sidney Bainbridge, B.A., B.D., of Lamont; Ernest Leroy Churchill, M.A., of Olds.

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on May 7th, 1927, in the Corona Hotel Dining Room at 1:15 p.m. About seventy members were present. The President, Mrs. R. J. Russell, occupied the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the motion of Mr. Harvey and Mrs. H. J. MacLeod.

On the motion of Mrs. Russell, seconded by Mr. Ottewell, the following report as read by the President was adopted:

REPORT.

The Alumni Association presents its second annual report. We regret that we cannot announce more progress in the outside branches. Calgary reports several interesting meetings during the year, and we trust that the coming year will bring the branches into closer relationship with the parent society. If the branches correspond frequently it will do much to link together our graduates and help to keep unbroken the many delightful friendships of undergraduate days. We suggest that an exchange of visits be arranged between the parent society and outside branches wherever possible. Calgary and Vancouver are the two outside branches with Olds planning to organize.

The Edmonton Branch, with over one hundred members, under the able presidency of Mr. Alan Harvey, has co-operated with the Association in every way possible.

The Council of the Association has held eleven meetings during the year with practically every city member present. The amendments to the Constitution occupied considerable time. For these amendments, we are indebted to Mr. Craig and Mr. Harvey. The proposed amendments with ballot and covering explanatory letter were sent out by the secretary, Mr. Taylor, to the branch secretaries and members at large in good standing. Fifty-four ballots were returned. Forty-nine approved, four disagreed in part, and one opposed, the majority being in favour of adopting the amend-

ments. One important change is in regard to the tenure of office of the members of the Council. The new officers are announced at the annual meeting or Convocation banquet and hold office from the first of June following the election until the thirty-first of May following.

This means that the business and accounts re the annual banquet which precedes Convocation can now be settled by the executive that incurs these bills.

Again, the Editor and Business Manager of *The Trail* are both members of the Council and all accounts of *The Trail* must pass through the Association and be approved by the Council.

One very marked change is in connection with the Treasurer's Department, which will be given by him when he gives his report.

The Trail has had a very active year. Mr. Jones, the retiring President, issued the last July number. Mr. Morgan then assumed the Editorship, but owing to trouble with his eyes had to resign after the October *Trail* was issued. Mr. Oke, Editor of *The Gateway*, became editor, and Mr. S. K. Jaffary Business Manager. Mr. Jaffary has endeavoured to reach outside advertising agencies, and splendid work is being done by *The Trail* organization. Through the co-operation of the University, the printing of *The Trail* is no longer a financial burden, but is self-sustaining. The Convocation number will make the fourth and last issue of *The Trail* for this year.

Without counting this year's graduates, we have about 1,130 alumni, of whom some 750 reside in the province and the balance in Canada, the United States and abroad.

Mr. Taylor, our most painstaking Secretary, has on file the names and addresses of all the graduates except about 100 whose addresses he has been unable to learn.

The Council endeavoured to have a play arranged for Convocation week, but were unsuccessful.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the executive for their splendid co-operation. Every member present at every meeting does not mean mere loyalty to the President, but loyalty to the cause—our University.

Respectfully submitted,

STELLA E. RUSSELL,
President.

Mr. Dixon-Craig, Treasurer, presented an interim financial statement, showing that the treasurer's books are in a satisfactory condition. A final statement for the year will be prepared when the financial year closes May 31.

The Secretary announced the results of the election as follows:

President: Mr. A. E. Ottewell.

First Vice-Pres.: Mrs. E. W. S. Kane.

Second Vice-Pres.: Mr. J. R. Henderson.

Third Vice-Pres.: Mr. B. J. S. McDonald.

Secretary: Mr. G. B. Taylor.

Treasurer: Mr. F. J. Newson.

The President extended her congratulations to the new members of the Council, to which Mr. Ottewell replied.

Mr. S. K. Jaffary reported favorable progress of *The Trail* in respect to finance, stressing the fact that the magazine was now self-sustaining. He mentioned that efforts were being made to secure a more suitable type of advertising than that now carried. This report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Jaffary and Mr. Newson.

Mr. A. B. Harvey moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. R. J. Russell for her inspiring and energetic work during the past year. Mr. Ottewell, in seconding this motion, said that he wished to include the other members of the Council. The motion was carried.

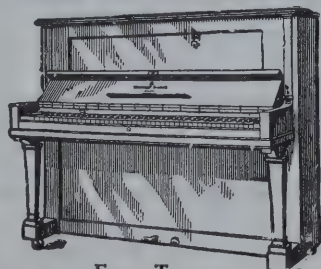
There was some discussion of the proposal to amalgamate *The Trail* and *The Gateway*. The Secretary pointed out that if this were done the paper would have to be supplied to a large number of graduates at the expense of members in good

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standing (the advertising revenue of *The Trail* having given up), or that these graduates would have to be dropped from the mailing list. Neither of these alternatives seemed desirable. Other members who opposed the suggestion were: Mr. Russell Love, Mrs. Forbes, Miss M. Simpson and Mr. Craig.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. Dixon-Craig and seconded by Mr. Nelles Buchanan, was passed: "Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Alberta it would be unwise to amalgamate *The Trail* and *The Gateway*."

Mr. A. B. Harvey reported a successful year for the Edmonton branch.

Mrs. Russell announced the various events of Convocation Week, and asked as many members as possible to participate in these.

The final motion, a cordial vote of thanks and appreciation of the efforts of the retiring Council, was moved by Mr. Ottewell and seconded by Mr. MacLeod. This was passed.

The meeting adjourned at about 3.00 p.m., after giving the Varsity yell.

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JEWITT—At Windsor, Nova Scotia, on April 14th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Jewitt (nee Gen Jackson, B.A. '21), a son.

LOVE—At Edmonton, on Jan. 28th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Love (nee Katie McCrimmon), a daughter, Catharine Joan.

STEWART—At Nicholl's Hospital, Peterboro, Ontario, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart (nee Irene Castor, B.A. '25), on April 2nd, 1927, a daughter, Joanna Irene.

COREY—At Brooks, Alberta, on January 19th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Corey (nee Gladys Johnson), a son, Allan Milton.

BLUNDELL—At Wetaskiwin, June 25, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. S. Blundell (nee Miss M. M. MacEachern), a son, Duncan Stuart Blundell.

MARRIAGES

DONALDSON — DULLENTY — At Idaho Falls, on January 26th, 1927, Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dulenty, of Idaho Falls, to Arthur "Pat" Donaldson, B.Sc. '22. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson will make their home temporarily in Idaho Falls (Box 108).

LONG—McGOUN—At Edmonton, on April 20th, 1927, Isabella Winifred, daughter of the late Mr. Archibald McGoun, K.C., and Mrs. McGoun, of Montreal, to Mr. Morden Heaton Long, son of the late Mr. R. K. Long and Mrs. Long, of Edmonton.

EADIE—KILGOUR—At Edmonton, on April 20th, 1927, Viola May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kilgour, of Edmonton, to Dr. William Worth Eadie, M.D. '25. Dr. and Mrs. Eadie will make their home at Vilna.

EMERY—HARCOURT—At Edmonton, on May 6th, 1927, Dorothy Kathleen, daughter of Mr. G. Harcourt and the late Mrs. Harcourt, to Howard Tracy, son of the late Mr. S. C. Emery and Mrs. Emery. Mr. and Mrs. Emery will make their home at Edmonton.

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The Editor wishes to secure the following numbers:

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If you have spare copies of any of these, kindly forward to the University.

CAMPUS NOTES

Convocation time coincides with a pleasant little ceremony which we always enjoy, namely, the campus clean-up. The trees in front of the Arts building are trimmed and the earth and grass raked, leaving a frontage to the building which does it credit. So also with the grounds in general.

The University location as a whole is the fruit of someone's wisdom, and we know of nothing that so typifies western landscape, as the south end of the University farm, as one approaches it from the east on any spring morning.

There is a bit of building to be done this summer; one or two houses are being erected behind the University, in the subdivision known as Windsor Park. Professor Morrison is one of the builders.

They say that fourteen members of the senior class didn't graduate. Looks as if the hurdles are becoming higher. Our Alumni are well advised to keep an eye on the changes in the University

standards. Can you imagine a student in your day, having cleaned up his first year, but lacking, say, grade XI Algebra, being told that he could not return to the University until he had wiped out his matriculation condition? Yet that is now being done.

President Murray of Saskatchewan was the speaker at convocation, and among other things he gave two interesting bits of statistics. There are in Canada 40,000 men and women attending colleges and universities, with an annual graduation list of 5,000. Think it over!

The formation of a Canadian Students' Union has been accomplished this year, and its future should be assured. Canadian co-operative movements have proved themselves remarkably successful in other fields; a student movement lacks not for opportunity and problem.

An apology is due our readers for the note about the S.C.M. in the last issue. There is no need to try to reconstruct



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what the note was intended to say, other than to report that an unfortunate omission successfully obscured what was in the writer's mind. Any movement which is conscientiously trying, as we believe the S.C.M. is, to bring before the universities the implications of a living religion, is one which will not need to be ignored.

The gift of the class of 1927 to the University is a trophy cabinet, placed in the wall of the corridor leading into Convocation Hall.

We watched with great joy the conferring of the M.A. degree upon that old war horse, Charlie Reilly. Charlie has just completed a course at the Normal School.

Another Scholarship has been given the University by one of its Alumni. Sandy Caldwell has given a scholarship in the Faculty of Arts, in memory of his brother Russell, who was killed in the air-service during the war.

The Alumni Council of this year has laid aside \$100 as a beginning on an Association scholarship fund.

The initiation next fall is to be in the hands of Lawrence Piper, '28, as supervisor. We do not altogether envy Mr. Piper his job, but he'll do it well, if anyone can.

The Everyman's Library series (J. M. Dent Co.) announce the publication of "Anglo-Saxon Poetry," selected and translated by Professor R. K. Gordon.

Intercollegiate rugby next fall! Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The games at Edmonton are two, U. of A. vs. U. of S., Oct. 8; U. of A. vs. U. of M., Oct. 29. Chalk up those dates now and be on deck!

And we hope all Alumni who can, will attend the inter-varsity track meet to be held in Edmonton next October.

We believe the famous telegram sent in at the Class '12 reunion ought to be framed and presented to the University library.

THE TEMPLE

(Continued from page 7.)

ber, the practice being for the benchers to elect each member of their Inn who attains the rank of King's Counsel. The supervision and management of the Inn is in their hands, and they arrange each student's call. An appeal from their decision lies only to the Courts. The only other body to whom they are responsible being the Committee of Legal Education, composed of five benchers from each Inn, who authorize the course of study and the examinations.

By far the majority of students are graduates of the two older universities, where they may or may not have read law. Upon coming down from the university, it is customary to enter a practising barrister's chambers to combine the theoretical study with the actual practice. The ceremony involved in entering a barrister's pupil-room is interesting in one respect, for the usual fee to cover one year's admission is 100 guineas.

It is readily admitted that this part of the bargain is unfortunate from the student's point of view, but in all other respects he does very well by it. A barrister takes a keen interest in his students, permitting and encouraging them to work closely with him. There is nothing compulsory about the work. A student may prefer to read his criminal law in the *News of the World*, or join the unhealthy minded in the divorce courts, and no comment is made, but as the briefs are received from the solicitors it is customary for the barrister, before he makes a serious reading of them, to distribute them among his students. The pupil then undertakes the particular assignment, whether it is an unimportant advice of evidence involving a few hours' work or a House of Lords *factum* requiring the most careful attention. As the undertaking progresses, advice is freely offered by the other pupils, and with the barrister readily accessible, the brief is finally worked up and returned for criticism and discussion. This may take place at the chambers or at a dinner or luncheon,

when the barrister is always host, or in a matter of urgency and importance it may require the student's visit to the barrister's home for the week-end, where in company with some other fortunate pupils the complexities of the law generally are solved through judicious blending of the principles of law and decent living.

At such times as the barrister is to appear in court there is a departure from this routine. The clerk posts each morning in the pupil room, the barrister's agenda for the day, and the students rarely miss the opportunity of learning from their man when he is in action. It follows that a descent upon the Courts is an event. The barrister leads off, wigged and gowned, followed by the clerks carrying the Reports, with the students completing the parade. Crossing the Strand is hazardous and close formation ill-advised. With the Royal Courts safely gained, way is made to the "Gear Garden," so termed from the confusion at this central meeting point. Here the solicitor, his clerks and students are joined. The opposing forces are next to be found, and when contact has been made with them, this vast assembly bears down on the defenceless court. It is not unnatural that clients are seldom noticed on these occasions.

Lest I have conveyed two erroneous impressions, I must in conclusion state that despite popular opinion on this subject, suitors are closely in touch with the counsel retained to conduct their cases. This is done through the solicitors and conferences are held to obtain the counsel's opinion as to the success of further action and client's instructions.

The other fallacy I have in mind is the common idea that English barristers take their work rather lightly. Nothing could be farther from the truth, for it is not unusual for counsel to put in anything between twelve and sixteen hours a day on his briefs. This is particularly true during term time. It should be obvious that in a profession success in which leads to the highest offices of state, the keen competitive spirit so fostered buoys up the physically weak and emboldens the strong. The sluggard is left at the start.

J. W. McCLUNG.

UNIVERSITY STAFF CHANGES

Norman M. Stover, M.Sc. (Alta.), Ph.D. (Illinois), Lecturer in Chemistry.

J. E. Harris, B.A. '27, Sessional Assistant in English.

Resignation—A. R. Jewitt, Instructor in English, whose place will be taken by H. H. L. Dickson, B.A. '26.

John McIntyre Cassels, B.A. '24, Rhodes Scholar, will be Lecturer in Political Economy.

Alan B. Harvey, B.A. '19, another Rhodes Scholar, will be Sessional Instructor in Law.

G. F. H. Buckley, B.S.A. (Alta.), Assistant Professor of Field Crops, has resigned.

Ruben Sandin, M.Sc. (Alta.), is promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor of Chemistry.

A. J. Cook, B.Sc. (Alta.), is promoted from Lecturer to Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

M. E. Lazerte, M.A., B.Educ. (Alta.), is promoted from Lecturer to Assistant Professor of Psychology and Education.

G. B. Taylor, M.Sc. (Alta.), from Instructor to Lecturer in Physics.

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Mr. Charles, King of England, by John Drinkwater (Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1926).—This book does not attempt to analyse the complex politics of the period which it covers, but places the emphasis on the character of the so-called Merry Monarch. According to Drinkwater, the one outstanding vice of Charles II has blinded a puritanical nation to his really remarkable virtues. Whether the reader agrees with him or not, he will find this chronicle of an exiled king and his restoration an interesting character study and a moving tale.

The Spell of French Canada, by Frank Oliver Call (Boston, Page, 1926).—"Whither is fled the visionary gleam?" asked Wordsworth, and it is a question which the average student of Canadian history might ask when High School, College and teaching experiences have dulled the glow of his first contact with the hero stories of French Canada. This book, more than any I have read in re-

cent years, restores that fugitive thrill. Explorers, priests and soldiers live once more. Each house and convent and bit of road has its tale to tell. Such books should do much to create a spirit of Canadian unity, linking past with present, East with West.

Porgy, by Du Bose Heyward (Doran, 1925).—This is not a new book, but one which I only recently discovered. It is a negro story which does not try to be funny, but give a sympathetic study of the negro character with its mingled humor, pathos, superstition and dignity. Before a page has been covered, one is deep in the atmosphere of Catfish Row—a world far removed from our ordinary experience, but with a tense reality that holds one till the end of the book. The prose of Du Bose Heyward is a joy in itself.

This Believing World, by Lewis Browne (MacMillan, N.Y., 1926).—This companion book to "Stranger Than Fic-



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NEW LIGHT ON DARK SPACES

"Political Unrest in Upper Canada, 1815-1836", by Aileen Dunham, B.A. (Alberta), M.A. (Toronto), Ph.D. (London), Assistant Professor of History, Wooster College, Ohio; Longmans, London; 210 pages.

This book by a graduate of seven years ago throws such a flood of clear light upon what has been a dark period in the history of our country, the twenty years in Upper Canada before the rebellion of 1837, that it will supersede all previous accounts. Miss Dunham has a rare power

of penetration and gift for lucid expression. Her book is no ordinary doctor's thesis, but one of the most important contributions that have been made to Canadian history for many a year. With a light heart, and lighter head, men have damned the family compact and canonized William Lyon Mackenzie. But the halo is an uncomfortable fit and heaven may hold more than we thought. There is a fine sanity about Miss Dunham's work from her keen analysis of the backwoods colony in 1815 down to her explanation of the emergence of the doctrine of responsible government. The latter conception was much slower in taking shape than has commonly been thought, and Miss Dunham traces it to a new source, Dr. William Warren Baldwin, father of the more famous Robert. This is only one of the many new things in the book which must strike every serious student of Canadian history. Another is the exposition of the alien question which has been a hopeless tangle. But what will attract the reader still more is Miss Dunham's philosophical approach to the subject. She gets underneath the surface and sees what is really going on. The following is a masterly summation. "Desire for democracy warred against dislike of republicanism; the political reforms advocated by the radicals were weighed in the scale with the economic progress visible under the Tories; the arrogance of the provincial oligarchy tended to be balanced by the increased reasonableness of the Colonial Office; and politics in Upper Canada were thrown into a state of unsettled equilibrium." Indeed the whole book has the quality not of a beginner, but of a mature scholar.

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HUSKINS' WILD OATS

LONDON, May 12.—The problem of the scientific elimination of certain weed pests, which has baffled researchers in American and Europe for 50 years, it is claimed, has been solved by a young Canadian scientist, Leonard Huskins of the University of Alberta.

At the Royal society on Wednesday he showed the results of two years' experi-

ments at King's college, London, and the horticultural college at Merton, to which he has recently been appointed. Professor Huskins' discovery, which is of great value to farmers, as it is expected to bring about an appreciable improvement in cereal crops consists of tracing the reversion to the wild type of so-called false wild oats, which are a well known pest in Canada, the United States and elsewhere.

Irregularities in the chromosomes were found to be responsible for these abnormal reversions, which also occur in wheat and other food plants, and it is asserted that through this discovery it will be possible to produce varieties of plants containing only the normal type of chromosomes which never produce degenerate forms.

NEWS FROM THE CALGARY BRANCH

The Calgary Branch of the Alumni of the University of Alberta held seven meetings in all during the year. Five of these meetings took the form of dinners at the Board of Trade Rooms, at which the speakers were respectively: Mr. John McClung, Prof. E. K. Broadus, Dean Kerr, Prof. McGibbon, Mr. W. M. Davidson, and Mr. Stanley Davies.

On Dec. 17 Mrs. McClung offered the hospitality of her home to the club. An enjoyable evening was spent in dancing and cards.

The usual Christmas dance was held in the McDonald Academy. It is to be regretted that so few members attended these two more festive meetings. On the whole the attendance at the other meetings was good.

At two of the dinners we were indebted to Mr. Burrell and to Mr. Garner for pleasing musical numbers.

The following officers were elected for 1927-28:

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Secretary: Helen Manning, 1415 Prospect Ave.

Treasurer: Morrison T. Watts, 526 Rosedale Crescent.

Members of Executive: A. D. McGillivray, 519 4th Ave. W.; Andrew Cairns, c/o Wheat Pool; Miss Kathleen Ferguson.

A successful dinner was held March 18, when, as our president aptly remarked, we were lucky enough to catch two professors on the wing; i.e., Dean Kerr and Dr. McGibbon. The enclosed clipping from the Herald does fair justice to the meeting, though it does not express the interest felt in Dean Kerr's account of the improvements and additions in the various departments of the University, and in Dr. McGibbon's brief speech which followed.

"Dean Kerr and Dr. McGibbon, of the University of Alberta, were honor guests at the dinner in the Board of Trade rooms Friday evening when the Calgary branch of the University Alumni entertained. Sprightly baskets of daffodils and streamers of green and gold were used for decoration on the tables.

Covers were laid for the following members of the alumni: Mr. Alexander Calhoun, Miss Mamie Silverthorn, Miss Georgina Thomson, Mr. M. L. Wallace, Miss Margaret B. Moore, Mr. Jas. Nicoll, Mr. Charles F. Reilly, Miss Bertha McCallum, Mr. R. C. Sproule, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. McIntyre, Miss K. Fergusson, Miss Wilma K. Swinarton, Miss Marguerite M. Cooper, Mr. H. Steeves, Mr. Ardis R. Le Bourveau, Miss Ivy S. Wilson, Miss Betty Mitchell, Mr. Andrew Cairns and Mr. Walter Herbert."

On May 4th we had as our guest of honor, Mr. W. M. Davidson. Following the dinner, at which Charlie Reilly presided in the absence of our president, Mr. Davidson gave a talk on the duty of college graduates to take an active part in the political life of the country. Mr.

A. Garner rendered two very fine solos.

A nominating committee consisting of Chas. Reilly, E. Snider, Dunc. McNeill, Marguerite Cooper and Georgie Thomson, was appointed to report at the final meeting of the year, May 20. There were rumors of holding a creditors' meeting, but why worry when Ned Snider is willing to finance the society? Still, the treasurer and secretary would be glad to have a few paid-up members on the list to be handed over to the new executive.

Georgina H. Thomson,
Secretary.

P.S.—There were 80 notices sent out for this meeting. Where were the fifty?

THE CULTURE HOAX

(Continued from page 3.)

appreciation of human life, that is, to education.

The mammon cult in education is typified by Dr. C. A. Prosser, Director of

Dunwoodie Institute. In an address at a teachers' convention he delivered himself of the following contribution to the philosophy of education: "Education and not force must be relied upon to secure stability and progress in democracy. This stability and progress depend upon the *production of wealth* through the conservation of natural and human resources. All education contributes to this conservation." When directors of education introduce such flinty ideals into the educational interiors of the coming generation, we can hardly expect anything else than a spiritual stomach-ache. The present heyday of the economic value has taken the particular aspect called vocational "education." Inglis makes the ability to realize the economic-vocational interest one of the three aims of education; it is preparation for "the participation in the production and distribution of economic utilities." In so far as the economic factor is made only the central line of development and not the whole hog, we have no fault to find; but the ideal



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of the vocational system has been said to be a glorified plumber. The cult of efficiency tends to lead to a state of affairs in which the individual is made more and more a means instead of an end in himself.

Vocational "education" as practised in the technical institutes and professional colleges is not education. It is training in a particular form of manipulation or a particular routine of behavior. The term "education" is misapplied when it is attached to the process of learning the habits of thought and movement requisite to dexterity in a specialized activity. Such an ideal does not take as its province the all-round development of personality, the realization of the self of the individual through all the interests of human life. Limitation to technicalities and practices which have seemed pertinent to rapidity of production has failed to prepare the individual to take part in the affairs of human life. Adams says, "The seminarist ideal of training is es-

entially instrumental. It seeks to produce a man of a particular type to serve a particular purpose in the community." As a matter of fact, a man cannot be an instrument and realize himself; he must be an entrepreneur, which is impossible if he lacks at any point contact with humanity through which flow those inter-actionary forces by which is developed the personality whose conduct is the issue of conditions comprised within its own constitution.

In the matter of vocational training, there seems no essential difference in the result, so far as education is concerned, between the training of a machinist, a doctor of medicine, a civil engineer, a logician, a journalist, a janitor or a school teacher. Only the body of tradition collected around the so-called professions and the length of time taken to become adept in them distinguishes the graduate from one who takes a double-your-salary-in-three-months course from a correspondence school. These are they to whom the

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beneficent influences of education do not seem to have penetrated, who, but for a single loin-cloth of interest, roam, naked nomads of the wilderness.

Excessive devotion to his bread and butter and Ford car tends to make a man's vocation the prison of his soul. Professor Euken a number of years ago told his countrymen that the greater their perfection in work, the more wizened their personalities. Vocational education on this continent, which is nothing more nor less than the training given to primeval man that he might make a living, makes fundamentalists of the unschooled and ranters of those who have their degrees. Of course a man must eat, but our education feeds his body and starves his soul. A jangle of ideals seems to follow a jingle of coins.

Mansbridge remarks, "The right study of a trade or profession induces the perception of the inter-relationship of all human activity." In education as distin-

guished from training, the many-sided interests of society will be synthesized in the organization of the personality by a habit of correlation of activity.

A Mrs. Bumford's search for the missing link in her education and her finding it in Emerson on Friendship raises the question of whether some subjects have more educational value than others. Adams (The Evolution of Educational Theory) speaks of "literature and other cultural subjects" as if the science of agriculture were disqualified by the lack of the necessary provision of a social value. Agriculture properly taught and properly correlated is as cultural as Bradley's Appearance and Reality or the technique of Bach. A consideration of even manipulation suggests its educational value. It is one of the first habits to emerge as the organism gains self-consciousness. If this impulse is to be satisfied and if at the same time its developed habits are to have the sanction of society,



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education must take cognizance of the tendency or it will fail in that regard. There was a time when insight into the possibilities of materials, skill in re-shaping them into articles to suit man's needs, and in using them for the same purpose, was about all there was to the education of the tribesman. One can even imagine a little one who could make a fire in wet weather being called "man-things-do-much," which might be pigmy for "cultured." And even today a man who cannot do things with his hands is often at a loss in modern society; his education wants in that respect, or if you like, he is so far lacking in culture. It does not need a stretch of the imagination nor a distortion of rationality to conceive the work of the craftsman as contributing to the realization of the aesthetic and scientific as well as the economic human values. The tendency to make the "thing studies" an element in education is an essential in the correlation of the school with life; and the same may be said of nearly any vocational subject. The practice which we have condemned is that of trying to grow a tree without branches.

Literature is mentioned as one of the culture subjects. It may or it may not be, like cattle-rustling, depending on its correlatives. Here is an examination paper in the Greek Drama:

1. In what ways was the history of the Greek Drama influenced by (a) Sicyon, (b) Sicily?
2. What different views have been held as to the origin of the terms tragedy and comedy?
3. Compare Sophocles and Euripides in their treatment of (a) prologue, (b) chorus, (c) *deus ex machina*.
4. What are the main views held as to the construction of the stage and orchestra?

The man who set that paper was deranged from the neck up. There is no suggestion that the Greeks lied and stole and loved and killed. One would think that Greek Drama is a specimen pickled in alcohol rather than a literature with all its faculties. Imagine writing a treatise on the

cathartic origin of the term tragedy while listening to a presentation of *Oedipus Rex*. The educator and the process of education must be a mediator between the past and the future. That is, he must present human experience, whether in literature or science, or any other human activity, in such a way as to develop in the individual a realization of and a belief in the social values which that activity represents. The educator that set an examination including the following question suggests an ideal in this respect:

"Give an impartial discussion of the exact part played in the lives of free states by critics of the type of Socrates and Euripides, being careful to set out the good and evil that is present in their work and the grounds on which such work may be approved or condemned."

A student must be alive to human interests to answer that question. This educator was using literature as a means to the formation of personality.

That education has failed to take care of its duty in this regard is clear from the tremendous sale of shoddy and shady literature, from the flux of scientists to the invention of mechanical devices and patent medicines rather than the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, and from a sight of the mass of intellectual paucity that frequents the dark-hole comedies. There is a tendency to say that education is helpless to dam the flood of bad taste and vulgarity that sweeps a young and prosperous country along with it. Unfortunately it does not try. Educators have become stricken with the wild-eyed notion that their hobby has become a science, and that as a science it is concerned with facts. No doubt there is hope for a scientific attitude in education, but the facts with which it is concerning itself are those which are fed to the youngsters. There is slight question of appreciation or interest in the teacher's daily routine of parceling out information. The following list of questions in grade seven literature represents what an "educator" is supposed to teach. It is representative of most examinations:

1. Quote from memory: "The Country Boy's Creed, "They that go Down to the Sea in Ships."
2. Who is the author of Treasure Island? Who is the hero of this story? In what manner did Jim Hawkins twice save his friends? Describe the first appearance of Ben Gunn. Why was he marooned on Treasure Island?
3. "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand and wrote over against the candle-stick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace." From what lesson is this taken? What else was happening "in the same hour"? Who wrote upon the wall? Who interpreted the writing? etc., etc.
4. "And I leave to children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thous-

and ways; and the night and the moon and the train of stars and the milky way to wonder at." From what lesson is this taken? Who wrote the selection? Under what circumstances was it written? Explain "milky way."

The last three questions follow in the same strain. After emitting such bilge as that, the teachers read Ralph Connor and Curwood, disclaiming all blame for the continent's intellectual constipation.—W.

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lack the hoary antiquity which hallows those of older seats of learning. As yet we cannot claim any great historic figures among our alumni. These are things which time, and time alone, other things being equal, can bring to pass.

However, brief though our history may be, judged in terms of mere years, by other standards it is notable. Brief though our traditions are, they are none the less worthy. Though halls of fame as yet contain no paintings or statues of our alumni, our Alma Mater none the less boasts many worthy sons and daughters. Scattered over all the earth as missionaries in China, India and other far lands, as scientists and teachers in institutions of learning at home and abroad, as engineers helping in a material way to achieve man's conquest of nature, as agriculturists seeking to ensure that nature's tribute in food for man and beast may not prove inadequate, as homemakers, business and professional men and women as well as in legislative halls, they are to be found. We have no reason to apologize for the part they are playing.

But the proudest and saddest record of all is that which we recall each year when on November eleventh we gather in Convocation Hall and remember those who did not count

the cost, but gave all they had even to life itself so that, as they believed, freedom might not perish from the earth. Truly their name liveth for evermore.

Remembering these things, who will say our traditions are lacking in hallowedness or that our records should not thrill us. We can say, to paraphrase a famous remark, we are graduates of no mean Alma Mater. It is to our fellowship and brotherhood we welcome the graduates of the class of 1927. Of all the democracies, ancient and modern, no other offers so wide a freedom as that which opens before the university graduate. In all lands, under all skies, wherever men and women compare experiences there is no other bond so strong as citizenship in the common wealth of letters. And in a peculiar and special way this is true of the fellow graduates of the same university. Already the earlier graduates of Alberta feel this very strongly. You who join our ranks today will feel it with increasing strength as the years pass. We are proud to greet you as alumni, and feel sure that as you will never need be ashamed of our common intellectual foster-mother, so she will never need blush for you.

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THE out-going editor has soothed the seat of the editorial chair with blessings for the new incumbent. Those same blessings were not bought with a pot of porridge, and for that reason, probably, are the more gratefully received. The executive of the associated alumni, briefly, has fulfilled one of the duties of office in the appointment of an editor of their magazine; and their employee hereby says grace over the table spread by his predecessor, Wesley Oke, M.A. (aspiring to B.Educ.).

THE teachers of the province, through the Alberta Teachers' Alliance, have recently petitioned the Minister of Education to grant teaching licenses to graduates of the Faculty of Arts taking special professional courses for teachers' courses which the University would be asked to supply. The Minister has promised his consideration.

The advantage to the Faculty of Arts would be inestimable, if for no other reason than the fact of a professional group within a faculty whose composition now consists of culture-seeking embryo doctors, scientists, lawyers and what-nots; the what-nots predominating.

AT the annual Summer School banquet held this summer Dr. Tory asked to be pardoned an expression of pride in the appearance of the University campus. The request was unnecessary, as the pride is justified. The ample moisture of this year's summer no doubt was an important factor, but mainly in bringing

into relief the results of years of careful planning and skilful workmanship. The mosquitoes enhanced the beauty by requiring a distant perspective.

UNIVERSITY of Alberta Quarterly has been the dream and vision of successive editors of *The Gateway* and *The Trail*. For two reasons: (1) Western Canada has industrial and social conditions peculiar to itself and yet of preponderant importance to the rest of the Dominion. (2) There is no periodical medium in Western Canada for the solution of these problems by the transfer of thought from the thinkers to those who might profit thereby. *The Trail* should provide a convenient and respectable beginning.

This is a dream—not a panic.

TO James McMillan, B.Sc. '24, and Stuart Jaffary, B.Sc. '21, must credit be given for suggesting the form of this issue of *The Trail*. The former, in a letter, says: "... it is possible that some of us who have strayed—not like sheep, I hope—from the fold, might find others who had strayed to the same or nearby places and there would be the usual surprises of finding that those we thought were in some definite location actually were elsewhere."

No effort has been spared to make this directory complete and accurate. It is inevitable that there will be some mistakes—it is hoped there are no omissions—and the Council would urge those alumni who

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find errors to communicate with the Secretary at once. Not all graduates *ad eundem* are included, because the Constitution stipulates that these shall only become members "on application." The same remark applies to those who have, perforce, completed their courses elsewhere, and who are denoted by an asterisk in the register.

We hope you'll like it!

STUART Jaffary and Geoffrey Taylor have earned the gratitude of all alumni through their work in the actual compilation of the directory. It has been a tremendous task for two busy young men. To complete it in time for this September issue has demanded the utmost of their time and energy. We thank them earnestly.

WESLEY Oke, lately the editor of this magazine, was elected last March to the presidency of the Students' Union. In his campaign last spring he attacked with much vigour and conviction many of the accepted principles of student government at Alberta. Some interesting developments may therefore be observed in the course of this autumn and winter. Student politics should be very lively this

term, and the alumni will watch with glee.

THE dream of the Covered Rink is rapidly becoming a reality under the saws and hammers of the Brown & Son Construction Company of Edmonton. The work, which commenced about August 22, should be completed in October. The rink is situated one block west of 112th Street and opposite 87th Avenue. The project has suffered dangerous and almost fatal vicissitudes since it was first proposed by a group of students in the days when the Hall rang to the oratory of Joe O'Brien, Mark Levey and John Cassells. Its realization now is almost entirely due to the genius and energy of Dr. Hardy. An undergraduate asked me the other day whether the structure might not be called the Hardy Memorial Rink, even though the genial young classicist is still treading gaily the dance of life?

IN order to save labor and expense a bill for 1927-28 fees is enclosed: Alumni who have already paid this year's fees are asked to disregard the yellow slip; those who have not are urged to fill in their name and address, attach a two-spot, and entrust the whole to His Majesty's mails "toute de suite." R.S.V.P.

WESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE RUGBY

Prospects Never Brighter for Great Fall Game

Varsity grads will indeed be pleased to learn of the new departure which is being made in the arranging of the rugby programme for this fall. With the official opening of the Western Intercollegiate Rugby Union, which takes place in *Edmonton* on Saturday, October 8th, the dream of many a former student and rugby fan will at last have been realized. While it has always been freely admitted that rugby is essentially a college game, the establishment of the game on its proper basis here in the West has long been retarded by the extremely long railway jaunts necessary to the carrying out of any schedule. The undertaking, needless to say, is still a gigantic one, but, as a result of steadily growing student bodies and the increasing interest shown in the game with each succeeding year, it has at last been decided by the three western universities that *now is the time* to venture forth.

The schedule, as arranged for this year, is a very promising one calling for three series of home-and-home games between Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. We are indeed fortunate in drawing the opening game on *October 8th*, and it is to be hoped that many of the old guard will seize this as an opportunity of renewing old acquaintances about the University. Alberta's other home game will be on *October 29th*, when a University of Manitoba rugby team will be entertained in Edmonton for the first time in history.

With the early start, thus ensuring good weather, a banner season is expected and keen rivalry is anticipated for first possession of the new pennant. At any rate, those in the know are not at all backward in their prediction that, when the smoke of battle has all cleared away Alberta, with two successive provincial championships to her credit, will not be very far from the touch-line.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TRACK MEET

Big things are planned this year in the realm of track and field athletics. Besides the Annual Interfaculty Field Day (in conjunction with the "Fresh Men's Reception") on the Varsity Grid on October 6th, there is to be held in Edmonton on October 15th the annual Intercollegiate Track Meet, under the auspices of the W.C.I.A.U. Alberta will be host to British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Len Cockle, of javelin fame, is out to break his record made at Saskatchewan last year. Fred Russell, who was fourth in the Canadian Olympic trials at Toronto in August, is expected to add to his high jump of 5'10½". "Flaxen Fritz" Werthenbach, who stars in the hurdles and broad jump, will also be back to break his own records.

From indications so far, a large number of Alumni will be in town for the meet, as one of the major events of the Fall season.

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ASPLUND—RUSSELL—At Cardston, June 29, 1927, Julia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Russell, to Charles Owen Asplund, B.S.A. '26. Mr. and Mrs. Asplund will make their home at Raymond.

BURGESS—STRACHAN—At Fernie, Aug. 15, 1927, Jennie B. Strachan, to Wilfrid D. Burgess, B.Sc. '23. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess will reside at Trail, B.C.

CONQUEST—PULLAN—At Calgary, Aug. 16, 1927, Emily Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pullan, to George Rienzi Conquest, B.A. '27.

GALE—HAMON—At Calgary, June 7, 1927, Mildred Adeline Hamon, to Henry Longhurst Gale, LL.B. '25. Mr. and Mrs. Gale are residing in Vancouver.

HEALING—ROBSON — At Beaver Lodge, August 8, 1927, Helen McGregor, B.Sc. '22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Robson, to Charles William Healing, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Healing, of Lacombe.

LAVERTY—SPEER—At Edmonton, August 19, 1927, Elsie Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Speer, of Edmonton, to Charles Murray Lavery, B.A. '26, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Lavery, of Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Lavery will reside at Delburne, Alta.

MAHAFFY—FOSTER—At Calgary, Aug. 10, 1927, Eva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, to James Mahaffy, LL.B. '25. Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffy will reside in Calgary.

MAYNE—McBEATH—At Vancouver, Aug. 16, 1927, Phyllis Louise, H.Ec. '25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McBeath, of Vancouver, formerly of Edmonton, to James Mayne, '28, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mayne, of Edmonton.

MEAGHER—GARES—At Winnipeg, July 28, 1927, Alice L., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Gares, of Viking, Alta., to James E. Meagher, B.S.A. '21.

ROBINSON—RUSSELL—At Camrose, Aug. 16, 1927, Gwen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Russell, to Claude Hill Robinson, M.A. '26. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will make their home in Camrose.

ROYER—RAVER—At Edmonton, August 6, 1927, Irma Carolyn, H.Ec. '23, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Raver, to Kenneth M. Royer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Royer, of Elgin, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Royer will make their home in Washington, D.C.

TEMPLETON—ROSCOE — At Edmonton, June 30, 1927, Helen Margaret, B.A. '22, daughter of W. E. Roscoe, Victoria, B.C., to John Templeton. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton are residing in Edmonton.

WRIGHT—WATSON—At Edmonton, June 15, 1927, Cecilia Barbara, B.A. '20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, of Colinton, Alta., to George Wellington Wright, of Vermilion, Alta.

BIRTHS

BARNECUT—At Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 6th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Barnecut (nee Alethia Wood, '22), a daughter, Henrietta Mary.

BRYDEN—At Edmonton, on December 8th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryden, of Pittsburg, Penn., a daughter, Marjorie Ellen.

MOTHERSILL—At Edmonton, on August 15th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O. Mothersill, a son.

RICHERT—At Lethbridge, on August 3, 1927, to Mr. and Mr. Charles Richert, a daughter.

SCROGGIE—At Urbana, Illinois, on Friday, August 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Scroggie, a daughter.

TAYLOR—At Edmonton, on May 31st, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Taylor, a son.

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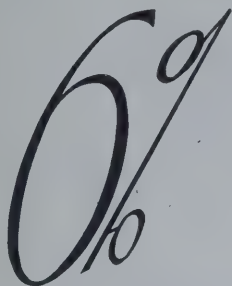
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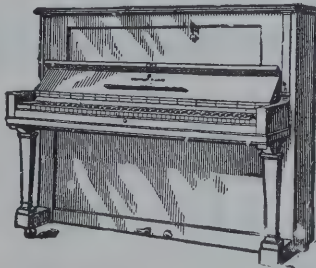
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“12 FOOT” DAVIS

So far as the word of history goes it would seem easier to achieve fame through an epitaph than by ruling your own spirit or even taking a great city. Perhaps is too much to say that more men live in history by reason of their epitaphs than by their deeds in life; but the fact that many men of wholly obscure achievements hold a place in history only by reason of the quality of their epitaphs must strike even the most casual reader. Then, too, that the maker of the epitaph is so often wholly unknown gives an edge to the truth. Part of this truth probably is that the author, losing himself in the joy of creation, raises the artisan into the artist.

Some such thing must have happened in the case of “12-Foot” Davis. Today he lives only in his epitaph and in the memories of a handful who were of his company fifty-odd years ago about the Edmonton of that time, or an occasional old-timer at a northern outpost. But from the words of these you come away seeing a man who, though wholly illiterate and unschooled in any of the nice arts of life, had within the tough fibre of his body an undaunted soul of fine temper and a quenchless thirst for adventuring.

The Peace is a noble stream, a river fairer than all the rivers of the west, the queen of all rivers that run between the Great Lakes and the Rockies, out of which, aeons ago, it burst its way, mad with desire to find the Arctic seas, making for itself a canyon-path through sheer rock-wall lifting hundreds of feet on either hand. But once out, its anger

spent, like a hot youth arrived at reflective poise, it broadens its bosom into tranquillity, and when you come to it on its lower reaches, knowing not its turbulent birth, you see it moving through its spacious valley, peaceful, unhurried, flowing somewhere safe to sea.

Coming to the town of Peace River the Peace turns somewhat sharply northward and veering north and westward, the town lying cupped in the southeast corner of its elbow. The valley-heights here are some seven or eight hundred feet high. Turning your back to the course of the river you will see the rim of the valley-heights gather into a knoll or hill, lifted up from the general line. From its top you face a moving prospect whichever of the four winds is blowing in your face. But west or south holds you longest. You see now, pressing what might be the bastions of your tower, the Smoky coming from its crooked southwest course to join the Peace, and from the south, the smaller Heart, almost shrinkingly, like some poor relation, brings its waters to the mightier flow of its more opulent sisters on their journey to the great waterways of the north.

On this hilltop, in a little enclosed plot, “12-Foot” lies buried as was his wish, for from this spot after the ice break-up of the rivers he used to watch for the first spring traffic downstream. But it's the epitaph on the small head-stone, shaped like a tree stump, that stirs you into musing: *Jonathan Davis, born in Vermont 1820; died at Slave Lake 1893. Trader, trapper, pathfinder, prospector,*

explorer, sportsman, gentleman. He was a friend to man and he never locked his cabin door."

It is now nearly twenty years since I first stood there and read, but from that day I was smitten with an immense curiosity to know of the man, who, whatever his fortune in life, could have wished to lay himself down at the end in such a sweet and desirable resting-place, and from those who laid him down could command such a rich legacy of epitaph.

Here and there, from this one and that, odds and ends were picked up and put together. Other than his time and place of birth, the first half of the life of "12-Foot" must needs be pure conjecture of mine. He came from the California gold-fields to the Cariboo district of British Columbia shortly after the gold-strike there in 1858; so, perhaps it is not too fanciful an imagining to suppose that in his early manhood he was one of the tide moving steadily westward in the United States; or he may have been swept from his Vermont hills by the great wave that rolled Californiawards after the gold discoveries there in 1849. In height Davis was only some five feet six inches. I had fancied that he had been called "12-Foot" from that comic sense of inversion common to the school boy and the outpost type. But no. Charlie Clover, who washed gold with him and Jimmie Gibbons on the bars of the Saskatchewan river, about where the Canadian National Railways bridge now crosses, and after whom the Bar is named (I suppose it should be Clover's Bar), told of the christening of "12-Foot". Clover was at the Cariboo field when Davis came overland from California. Davis had come late in the rush, and as the field was small all likely claims had been filed on by the time of his arrival. A ledge some twelve feet long projecting into the canyon had been passed over by all and on this Davis filed, and from that time "12-Foot" Davis was his name. The Cariboo field was soon exhausted, and at its end "12-Foot" and Clover worked their way over the mountains, coming by what is now Rocky Mountain House pass and down to Ed-

monton. Here they stayed for a year or two washing gold in the Saskatchewan, but very soon "12-Foot" turned his face up-river and into the mountains. Pushing northward he came to the headwaters of the Peace, and on it and its lower waters he stayed to the end. In the latter days he kept a trading post at Slave Lake, where he died as recorded in his epitaph.

Many a quaint tale is told of him. Always unable to read or write and for some time toward the end, blind, he still managed to get through his trading transactions. His formal educational equipment was a knowledge of figures from 1 to 9 as well as the 0, and thus in a simple way he was able to do what arithmetic his business called for. But his inability to read and write "12-Foot," for reasons of social prestige, always hid from the half-breeds and Indians with whom he traded chiefly, and he always kept a few printed books about him which he turned over with great gravity when they were about. By a camp-fire, one night, an ex-manager of a Hudson's Bay Company post related to me how, when he was stationed at Dunvegan in '84, winter having set in and his supplies having been delayed in coming through, he had sent a noted half-breed deer-runner down river to "12-Foot's" trading post to ask for some candles of which the manager had run short. Not knowing Davis personally, he gave his messenger a note dated December 3, in which he set out his request. On its delivery "12-Foot" examined it critically for some time for the benefit of the halfbreed bearer, though its only intelligible part was the figure 3. After due scrutiny "12Foot" said to the messenger in Cree: "3 bottles of rum, eh?" "Yes, yes," replied that happy warrior, and with his freight far more precious than candles, was soon on his return. My manager-friend told me that his runner came back two days sooner than he was expected, having made the return trip in the fastest time known. It was not until the following spring, while visiting Davis' post, that he learned why rum in-

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CLOTTED BLOOD

A RUSHIN' NOVEL

Anushka Petrushka Petropavlovskaya sat weeping over the open drain. Obscene slobberings soughed out of the cellar floor, as from the blubber thick lips of indecency. Anushka Petrushka Petropavlovskaya wept.

"Oh, God, may her entrails rot! May she putrefy. Twenty hairs, God, and she will not give them to me. Twenty hairs, God, is all I want. May she stink! Anushka, do you hear? You will stink! Give me twenty hairs—only twenty. . . ."

"Ah, Anushka, your hair is so beautiful. It is like night. It is like coiled snakes. It is like black night. Anushka, it is as heavy as gold, but it is more beautiful than gold. It runs through my fingers like melted fat. Anushka, your hair is the most beautiful thing in the world. It is like the river at night. Just twenty hairs, Anushka?"

"Why did God make fire, Anushka? It burns and hurts everything it touches. . . . Give me twenty hairs, Anushka, and I will play to you about fire. I will play about the flames of hell and scorching flesh. I am hungry, Anushka, when will you make the stew? I will play about pain and the feel of a burning body. Ah, believe me, I know how. But your hair, Anushka is cool and like a bath in oil. It will never burn like the other did. Your hair is the most wonderful hair there is. The other was white horse hair, and burnt through as soon as the candle fell on it. . . ."

"I shall give you a song about the night. The night that is black and heavy like your hair; the night when the marsh

mists blot out the moon and the stars. But I cannot play if you do not give me twenty hairs. Just twenty hairs for my bow is all I want, Anushka. What are twenty hairs to you? You have thousands. O God, make her give me twenty hairs. I must play. I have not played for two days now. I must play or I will burst. I feel it growing in me. Anushka, do you hear? I shall explode like a bomb, and then what good will your hair be to you? You will be in pieces."

"O Father, the slut will not listen. You know she is the filth of the streets. But twenty hairs will not spoil her good looks. Anushka, there are grey hairs in the black over your ears. Let me pull them out. You must not look old, Anushka."

"What has made you so cruel, Anushka? You will grow ugly if you treat me like this. Your hair is slimy. It is like stretched, blood-hungry leeches. It is the colour of birds that eat dead things. It is like the bellies of carrion beetles. Give me twenty hairs, I tell you!"

"Anushka, how quickly you can peel potatoes! You must have sharpened the knife. Lend it to me. I have a long nail on my thumb. It is not good to have such a long nail."

"Ah, yes. It is a fine knife. It is sharp. Do you feel it on your throat? You would not give me twenty hairs—only twenty hairs out of so many. And I must have twenty hairs, and there is no money to buy them. I feel the strength of music shaking me, and I must use it."

"God pardon me. You know my need. It is warm and sticky like sugar water. Ah, the leeches will not be hungry now. Not now. Three, seven, eight, fourteen—nineteen—twenty."

GEOFF. HEWELCKE.

THE COUNTRY WEEKLY

Presumably, all literature is written for one or more of three purposes—to instruct, to amuse, to entertain—although it is only too sadly true that plenty of what is written fails lamentably in all three departments. Newspaper literature (if one dare call it such) is, in its way, on exactly the same basis as all other writings, in any and every language. The purpose of every editor, whether of the metropolitan daily or of the village weekly, is to instruct his readers in the news of the day—or of the week, as the case may be. At odd intervals an editor makes attempts to amuse and entertain his readers, sometimes with happy results, sometimes otherwise.

In all essentials of newspaper production, there is no difference whatever between the functions of the city daily and the country weekly; there is no difference in their respective responsibilities; but there is a difference in the degree in which these functions and responsibilities are made effective. The one is supposed to deal, broadly, with world news, items of international interest, giving detailed reports of interesting occurrences and persons. The other is confined to a local field and is supposed to cover that field with the same energy, the same attention to detail, the same “nose” for interesting items, that come within its sphere.

The country weekly, however, is in a class by itself with respect to intimacy with its readers. In the small town and throughout the countryside adjacent, everybody knows everybody else, and the one least known is he who collects and edits the news items respecting his friends, neighbors and others within his community. The function of the country weekly is to collect and publish community news—using proper discretion—in exactly the same way as the city reporter gathers his items from day to day. The responsibility of the country weekly is, within its narrow bounds, the same as that of the city daily, intensified somewhat by the fact that the editor of the country weekly has a first-hand, per-

sonal knowledge of matters on which he writes—something frequently denied his city brother.

Perhaps some few generalizations, the outcome of a quarter century of country weekly experience, may serve to pad out an article which seemed to come to a logical end in the previous paragraph.

Thanksgiving approaches as this article is being tossed together, and it occurs to the writer that there are worse things—not many, but some—to be thankful for than publishing and editing a country weekly. There is a measure of happiness in being of service to one's community, in the knowledge that from week to week one's readers look for and appreciate his frequently poor enough stuff; there is even a satisfaction in knowing that if one makes an error, he has a thousand or so readers gleefully ready to point out the mistake and preen themselves on their acumen. Indeed, the writer has often deliberately made mistakes just to afford readers the satisfaction of making the corrections. Could human generosity go farther?

The editor of a country weekly is obliged to fulfil the Pauline injunction to “be all things to all men.” He meets 'em all from the roughest “ruff-neck” to the smoothest, most polished and highly dignified scholars, judges and divines; from the 22-calibred township political organizer to the “Big Berthas,” the Prime Ministers, Lieutenant-Governors and Governors-General; from the petty thief to the opulent bootlegger; from the freight handler to the railway President; and he is supposed to be able to hold his own with any of them, even in their favorite pastimes. There is no room for fear in the country editor's make up. He may be scared to death, but he dare not show it. His people expect him to hold his own in any society, from overalls to formal evening dress with white kid gloves and all. Surprisingly enough, a majority of the country editors get away with it, too.

Everything is grist that comes to his mill, but he has to exercise tact and skill

in grinding that grist. A country weekly newspaper editor who habitually indulges in harsh criticism of any person, group of persons or section of his community is only laying up grief for himself, to no good purpose. It is probably for that reason that so few country editors venture to write strictly editorial matter, for editorials cannot always convey tributes—once in a while the need arises for the black-jack and the brick-bat, and when an editorial is aiming at the reform of some abuse, the aim should be unerring and the slugging performed heartily and thoroughly. In doing this, it is not always necessary to select any individual to victimize, neither is it necessary to be vaguely general. One can, if skilful enough in the use of words, condemn the sin while loving the sinner. But many an editor has started a neighborhood ruction by ill-advised and overhasty editorial comment; from this arises, in all likelihood, a somewhat general reluctance of country editors to express an opinion on anything editorially. Added to this is the fact that successful editorial writing must be based on long experience, an expressive, if not wide, vocabulary and more than a little knowledge of the fundamental principles of rhetoric. Most country editors are graduates from the type-setting case and, while not lacking in the experience of handling the language, they cannot dovetail their thoughts together in a readable

way. Hence their avoidance of anything beyond straight news items to fill their columns.

No attempt has been made herein to picture the difficulties which confront every weekly newspaper publisher and editor. Outside of producing his paper from week to week, he has plenty of worries connected with his business. Recent years have seen such a marked addition to production costs that few of the country weeklies are today on a paying basis. The result has been that in many towns, where formerly two papers existed, amalgamation has taken place and only one survives. It is now a recognized principle that towns of less than 3,000 population require but one weekly newspaper. From this it can be deduced that small towns and villages with less than 1,000 population do not form the best of "pickings" for a newspaper. Exceptions occur, of course, but the general deduction is correct.

Anyone contemplating life in the great open spaces as exemplified in the career of a weekly newspaper editor must prepare himself for plenty of hard work, some sacrifices, and numerous worries. But if the urge to do it is there and is backed by due preparation, there are worse lives than that of holding control of the publicity medium of a rural town and district community.

A. L. HORTON.

NUT-AT-ALL

Growing on on oak tree
Were an acorn and a nut.
Nut was acorn; acorn, nut.
Statement true. Simple! But—
Said the acorn,

"You're a nut,
Simple nut."

"Nothing but
A nut are you," said the other
To his brother.

"Nut? I'm acorn!"

"Acorn? Nut!"
Squabble raged, each the butt
Of the other's "Acorn? Nut!"

Then a snowdrift covered both;
Both the acorn and the nut.
And the acorn, nothing loth,
Took protection from the nut:
"You're the acorn, I'm the nut,"
Was the burden of the song
Now that frost had come along.

But listen! Hark! Land o' Goshen!
Nuts are bursting. What commotion!
Snow is now a muddy lotion;
Washed the seed into a rut—
What's it now? Acorn? Nut?
Neither—but
An oak tree.
Non nihil est. Tut-tut!

—CONTRIBUTED.

CLICHE

A Play in One Act

J. D. CORNWALL.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Esther, an actress, of about twenty-two.
 Loma, another actress, femme du monde.
 Jack, a young actor playing "juveniles".
 George, an Anglo-American, playing
 "heavies."

Stevens, a manager of Condell Shows.

Time: The Present.

Scene: The "green room," as George prefers to call it, of one of the Condell Tent Shows. At the right and rear, rise the canvas walls of the big tent. The left side is partitioned off only half-way down-stage. At this point, a set of steps, with railing, leads up to the stage. There is a landing at the top of the steps, and the passage-way to the stage runs straight back from this landing, enclosed on the other side by a wall of canvas which continues on down stage, completing the three walls. A slit in the canvas wall at the rear serve as exit to the out-of-doors. There are four small dressing tables scattered about the room, each with mirror, light, array of make-up materials, and accompanying folding chair. On other folding chairs are laid coats, dresses and costumery. There are several trunks, also, some open, some closed. On a couple of them can be discerned the words, "Condell Theatre—Rush," in red letters. On the canvas wall is pinned a large poster, the most conspicuous legend reading, "Condell Tent Shows, Entertainment for Discriminating People."

A few moments before the curtain rises, the violins of the orchestra, muted, take up the theme of the song from the Rubaiyat, "Ah, Moon of My Delight," and play it softly. The curtain discovers George, seated at his table, attending to his makeup. He takes up the air of the song and sings it in a nasal tenor voice;—"Ah, moon of my delight, that knows no wane . . ." George is tall and lean, with large grey eyes and prominent features. He reminds one of Malvolio. He affects

a waxed mustache. A burst of clapping is heard off L. It is the end of Act II of the evening's play. Enter from the stage L, Esther, a slim pretty girl of about twenty-two. She comes swiftly down the steps and across to her table, without looking at George, who continues to sing away to himself. Enter Jack, L. His step lacks the swiftness and surety of Esther's. He is just a boy, playing juveniles and male leads, a sensitive, emotional lad, lacking the air which experience of life brings, yet by no means callow. He is a creature of moods. He comes down stage C and stands watching Esther. She is aware of his gaze, and turns on him in anger.

Esther: Jack, what does make you act the way you do? Lord knows, I've done my best to play up and help you through, but you're getting worse every night. You used to do pretty good work—(and she turns away from him).

Jack (hesitating, apologetic): Why, Esther, I—I don't know—I don't think I've been wrecking things so awfully. You seem to find fault pretty easily. Jimmy said I was doing O.K. for my first run.

Esther (she is nervous, jumpy and irritable): That was three weeks ago. You were all right when you started, but you've gone all to pieces lately. Your work is no good and you might as well know it!

Loma comes in from the stage L. She is tall, with a wealth of darkly-lustrous hair. She dresses exceedingly well; a woman of about thirty-five; a woman who has always been, and still is, attractive to men; a woman whose experience has given her an unstudied sophistication. George looks up and speaks to her in a slow drawl, through his cigarette-smoke.

George: I say, Loma, what about these two? Just finished loving each other on

the stage and come back here to quarrel like a pair of fighting cocks. Beats me!

Loma (she smiles her wonderful smile): Why, I must say it 'beats me,' too. But I don't think it's anything very serious—is it, Jack? (*She goes to her table and attends to her makeup, but watches the two young people' closely, especially Jack.*)

Jack: Why no—no, of course not—that is—I—

Esther: Oh, Loma, stop treating us like a couple of children. Anyway, it's our affair.

Loma (suavity itself): My dear, I wasn't trying to interfere.

Esther (suddenly apologetic): Oh, I know. I'm sorry, Loma.

George (to Esther): Just the same, sis, you seem to come down rather hard on the kid at times. Now, if I were Jack—

Esther (interrupting): But you're not! Incidentally, my parents did give me a Christian name.

George: Quite so. In fact, it's not only Christian, but Biblical as well, isn't it?

Esther (to Jack, ignoring George): Oh, I suppose I'm too touchy where the work is concerned. But Jack, you'd make it so much easier if you'd learn self-control. Tonight, now, in that doorway scene, the thing almost flopped because you lost your head.

Jack: Why, I didn't think—(*he pauses*).

Esther: No, you don't! That's the trouble. If only you'd use some restraint, some common-sense. You seem to have lost all that.

Jack: I say, Esther, that's putting it rather strong. I'll admit—I guess I'm not just up to the mark—I don't know why. I'm all at loose ends these days. But (*with a trace of anger*) I wish you wouldn't—well—(*he blurts it out*)—I wish you'd be a little more decent, that's all. (*He walks moodily over to the entrance rear, holds back the canvas and stares out into the moonlight-flooded night.*)

George: None o' my business, o' course, but you two love-birds might do well to carry on your billing and cooing some-

where else. Jimmy is apt to think a few things if he hears of your goings on. Suit yourself!

Esther turns to her own table, with a quick look of scorn at George, and attends to her makeup. George again takes up the song that is running through his head, "Ah, Moon of My Delight." He sings it in his nasal tenor. Jack, with moonlight flooding his eyes, grips the canvas harder and shuts his teeth. The irony of it!

Esther (swiftly turning on George): Oh, for God's sake, cut it!

(*Loma's eyebrows go up. Her suspicions are confirmed.*)

George (in pained surprise): Gosh, sis, you surely are touchy tonight. I fail to see—

Loma (cutting in with her suave voice): George, dear, don't bother Esther tonight. And—I say—you do know some other songs, don't you?

George: Sure thing, but what's the matter with that one? It's a perfectly respectable song—Omar Khayyam, you know. I've had it running through my head all evening. Can't get rid of it. But, of course, if you—

Loma (with a smile): Yes.—Quite.—

Stevens appears on the landing L. He is not the usual type of theatrical manager. He is small, wiry, with a thin face and a metallic voice. It is his voice more than anything else about him which "registers."

Stevens (from the landing): Curtain in two minutes. Make it snappy! (*He disappears.*)

Loma (as she powders her face): Jimmy is certainly a bear on detail, isn't he?

George: That's it! He can tolerate almost anything but inefficiency. (*He glances at Esther, who is also powdering. Loma glances at Jack who is changing his coat. She rises, and with her graceful walk, goes off up the step L to the stage.*)

Loma (pausing): Coming, Jack?

Jack: Coming! (*He follows her off. George and Esther are alone.*)

George (after a moment's cold silence, in a tone designed to convey sympathy):

Not felling well, tonight, sis?—I mean Esther? (*He goes over and leans against her table.*)

Esther (with a bit of a smile): Oh, yes. I'm all right. I guess I'm awfully snappy with you people at times. But with Jack, now—

George (generously): Oh, forget Jack. We know how you feel.

Esther: Do you? I hardly think so.

George: Oh, sure we do—I do. Jack is a damn fool on the stage at times, and yet he's such a likeable chap you hate to be nasty with him. But there's no danger of the rest of us—of you and I—ever falling out. Really falling out, I mean. Is there?

Esther (on the defensive): Oh, I don't know. One can't tell.

George: You're awfully stand-offish.

Esther: Yes?

George: I say, Loma's a good sort, isn't she?

Esther: Is she?

George: Sure. She and I used to knock around a lot together. But she gets rather bothersome after a while. Now if she had some of your qualities—

Esther: Well—?

George: Oh—nothing. (*Then, in the insinuating tone of the experienced masher.*) I say, kid, how about a run out to King's Gardens next Sunday?

Esther (sarcastically): And get back about four a.m.! (*She rises and stands close to him, facing him.*) George, you and your miserable, condescending, egotistical, hypocritical airs make me sick. If you could only hear yourself! 'I say, kid'—Good Lord!

George (apologetic): Oh, well, I didn't mean to—

Esther (interrupting): Oh, no, you didn't mean to suggest another of your romantic two-some picnics where the girl has to listen for hours to your fine-spun male egotism. And you get such a kick out of road-houses, don't you? They seem so risqué!

George: Well, I don't think you need to—

Esther: Oh, shut up!

George is properly squelched, but he shrugs his shoulders, twirls his waxed mustache, looks in his mirror, sighs and hums the air of "Ah, Moon of My Delight" as he strolls off, with a glance as he goes at Esther's coldly turned back.

Jack comes in from L, walks swiftly down the steps, over to his table and sits down. He does not look at Esther. She rises, looks at him, and half starts toward him as if she were going to speak. But his broad back discourages her. Stevens appears at the landing.

Stevens: Your cue coming, Esther!

Esther exits L. Loma comes in from L. She also stops C, and watches Jack's back, then goes over to him. He doesn't look up.

Loma: Forget it, Jack. I know it's hard lines, but try to forget it.

Jack (raising a face on which anxiety is plainly written): Forget it? Forget what?

Loma (with her wonderful smile which dazzles even the pre-occupied Jack): Don't try to bluff me, dear boy. (*She shakes her head at him.*) Jack, the game's not worth the candle. She's a nice kid, but—(*she pauses*).

Jack (rather harshly): Well?

Loma: She isn't worthy of you.

Jack: Are you implying that I'm—well—in love with her?

Loma (laughing softly): Don't bluff, Jack, don't bluff! You're crazy about her, and she isn't worthy of you.

Jack: Oh, rot!

Loma (with a smile): Oh? (*And a shrug.*) Please yourself! (*She turns toward her table.*)

Jack (catching her hand and rising): Loma—I'm sorry. You're a good pal! I guess I am rather fond of Esther. (*Bitterly.*) You can see what she thinks of me.

Loma: Well, it does seem rather evident. She doesn't understand you. (*Loma puts just a touch of emphasis on the word "she."*)

Jack: And then there's the work. I wish I were playing opposite someone else.

Loma (tactfully avoiding the obvious opening): I wish you were, too, Jack. I don't think Esther realizes, as I do, what you are going through and what it is that's affecting your work.

Jack (he shrinks, like the boy he is, from the implication): Oh, it isn't that I—well—care a bit for her that sets me off. But when I play opposite her and know how she's feeling and what she's thinking, I just get jumpy and nervous. I get all churned up inside. *(He gives a little apologetic laugh for the childish way of putting it.)* If only she'd be a little more decent!

Loma (with her smile): I know, child—you're simply 'in love', that's all!

Jack: I don't know, Loma, wether I am or not—oh, let's forget it!

Loma: You can't solve the problem that way. You are in love—that's certain. *(Seriously.)* But you musn't let yourself go, Jack. She doesn't care for you and it's ruining your work.

Jack: That's it! Oh, Loma, if you knew what a damnable time I had to get this job. It's my first, you know.

Loma: Yes, I knew.

Jack: Those three years in Chicago—God, it was awful! I didn't know a soul. *(He looks past her, visualizing.)* I starved—picking up odd jobs. I wanted to act. I thought it would be easy to get something—and nothing came.

Loma: You poor boy!

Jack (warming to her sympathy): I guess it was tramping the streets and living on bad food and all that—I came pretty near throwing up the sponge. The chap I shared my room with—they fished him out of the river. God! He left a little note for me—

Jack (after a pause, while Loma watches him in silence): Then I got this chance. It was pure luck. Condell told me that if made good here I would be a 'permanent.' *(Then with passion.)* I've got to make good, Loma, that's all. I've got to make good. I'll never go back to that life. Everything or nothing with me now. But the way Esther is going on—

Loma (she is mothering him. Her hand goes to his shoulder and steals up to his cheek): Dear boy! I'm—sorry. Perhaps—I can help you.

He has been gazing past her, his face drawn with anxiety. The touch of her hand brings him back. He looks at her, finds himself gazing into her eyes. He stares at her, half-bewildered, for a tremulous moment. Then they drift into the inevitable embrace. He kisses her in a most unfilial fashion. They cling to each other for a moment. Jack's thoughts are chasing each other about through his head. He is surprised at what he has done, surprised, half-alarmed, hesitant about the consequences. He thinks he loves this woman.

Jack: My dear, my dear, I don't know what—

Loma (she places a slim finger against his lips and smiles): Hush! Everything is all right; just as it was before. You are in love—with Esther.

Jack: No, no, I'm not, Loma. Please, dear—

Loma: No?

Jack: Oh, I just thought I was. You seem to understand, Loma. I—I love you, my dear. *(He is trembling on the brink of another kiss when they hear footsteps. He turns around. Esther appears on the landing. Her appearance startles him like a dash of cold water awakening him.)*

Esther: Ready, Jack? *(He says nothing, steals a quick glance at Loma, walks quickly up the steps past Esther and disappears. Esther senses something unusual. She gazes at Loma for a moment, who coolly returns the gaze. Then, with a faint suggestion of her Mona Lisa smile and the faintest suggestion of a shrug, she turns away toward her table. Esther, puzzled and annoyed, turns and follows Jack.)*

Enter George from stage L. He saunters down, lights a cigarette, straddles a chair, and regards Loma. The woman is certainly attractive, with that luminous, darkly-gold hair of hers.

George: Those two certainly made a pretty entrance. Maybe Jack is waking up to himself.

Loma: Yes? (*She is remarkably cool.*) He can do it if he wants to. But he's such a kid. It doesn't take much to put him off.

George: He'll have to watch his step. I think Jimmy is watching him pretty closely.

Loma: That's the trouble with Jimmy. He watches everything too closely. Jack's all right. He'll come through. I'll speak to Jimmy about it.

George: That's nice of you. I say—Esther's a good scout, isn't she?

Loma: You think so?

George: Sure. She and I used to knock around a good deal together. But she gets on one's nerves after a while. She can be awfully catty sometimes.

Loma (smiling to herself): Yes, I've noticed that.

George: Now if she had some of your qualities—

Loma: Well—?

George: Oh, nothing. (*With the same insinuating tone.*) I say, kid, how about

a run out to King's Gardens next Sunday?

Loma (she rises and walks over to him slowly, smiling): Georgie, will you ever grow out of it? You old masher!

George (thus apparently encouraged): It's a high-class place out there now, I hear. I can get Jimmy's car.

Loma: Just the two of us. We can get a canoe and hear the orchestra across the water.

George (enthusiastically): Sure, and they dance till two-thirty. And there's a full moon, too. And we can stop at the Blue Goose on the way back.

Loma (sentimentally, as she quietly ruffles her hair): A full moon! (*Then with a decided change of tone, but still quite suave and calm.*) George, you blithering idiot! I know it would be wonderfully romantic and all that, but I hardly think you'd enjoy yourself. At least, not with me.

George: Oh, but I'm sure—

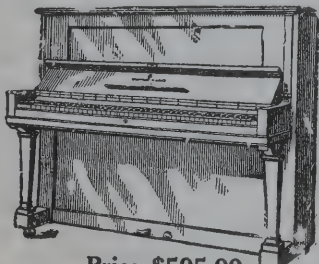
Loma (interrupting): Are you? (*She*

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laughs a low, musical laugh and playfully pushes his head with an immaculately manicured hand.) Go pick on little Esther. She doesn't see through you quite as easily as I do. *(She turns back to the table.)*

George rises, shrugs his shoulders, twirls his mustache, looks in the mirror, sighs and hums a snatch from "Ah, Moon of My Delight." Stevens appears on the landing.

Stevens: Cue, George.

Exit George and Stevens L, and enter Jack L. Loma is on the qui-vive, but remains at her table. Jack stops on the lower step, watching her. He has just left Esther and is troubled. Loma turns and rises. She reads his face and walks slowly to him.

Loma: Jack, dear boy, what is it? *(She puts an arm on his shoulder and looks up at him.)*

Jack (with a mechanical laugh): What is what? What do you mean?

Loma: Why do you always try to bluff me? You can't, you know. You weren't bluffing—before. I could see it in your face. But there is something else, now.

Jack (embarrassed but purposeful): No, there isn't—that is—

Loma: You meant what you said—didn't you? *(He gazes at her fascinated. Her arm steals a little farther on his shoulder.)*

Jack (facing it like a man): I—I don't know, Loma. You're awfully good to me, and all, but I—no, I didn't!

Loma (she searches his face. What a dear boy he is! Of a sudden Loma is struck by a pang of genuine loneliness. The glowing youth of him! She speaks softly.) Jack, Jack, you're such a dear fool to chase rainbows. It's only a rainbow you're following. You run on with you're eyes upon it and you stumble and hurt yourself. And when you reach your rainbow, you find it's only mist, just rain in your face. *(A pause.)* I—I care—a bit for you—Jack. *(It was a moment of indiscretion.)*

Jack (staring over her head; he cannot trust himself to look at her; mechanically.) "A fool there was"—guess that's me. I'm sorry, Loma. Oh, damn, I

wouldn't have been such a fool if you hadn't been so sympathetic with me. You wanted to help, I know. If only you hadn't mothered me so much! I don't want sympathy; I don't want to be mothered. I can fight out my own little battles—

Loma: Jack, when you're fighting your battles—when you reach out your hand blindly and there's another hand waiting—understanding—

Jack (harshly): You don't understand. I wanted understanding and you didn't bring it. Do you hear—you don't understand!

Loma (she has stepped back, her eyes wide): Jack, do you realize—what you are implying? It's cowardly of you. Couldn't you have told me sincerely and honestly without blaming me? You are a coward!

Jack (the very truth of the word stings him): You call me—that, because I tell you the truth? I'll do more. I'll tell you the whole truth. I can see it now. What do you care for me? Just another conquest, that's all. *(With a short laugh.)* Pretty poor picking, Loma! *(Then bitterly.)* You'd take me from Esther! Take! Take! You take everything. You cannot give. You want adoration and youth. You want a creature at your feet that you can pet. You're selfish! Oh, damn, I—I musn't go on like this!

Loma can hardly believe her ears. But as ever, she regains her cool composure, and when he looks at her again she is almost smiling.

Loma: No, Jack, I wouldn't. But it's all right; you're rather worked up just now. You'll have time to forget about it. Here's your cue. *(Stevens comes in.)*

Stevens: Ready, Jack? *(Exit Jack L. Jimmy Stevens comes down himself. He and Loma walk over to the tables and light cigarettes. They sit down. Loma is still in a mental turmoil.)*

Stevens: Loma, I suppose you've noticed Esther and Jack? *(She nods.)* What the devil's the matter with them? Jack's work has gone to pieces the last few

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RADIO EDUCATION

Alumni of the University of Alberta and other visitors to our Alma Mater will note a new and arresting feature on the sky-line just south of Pembina Hall. Two slim, grey, lattice-work, steel towers spring from the high ground to a height of eighty feet and are surmounted by steel masts twenty feet in height with an aerial swinging between. Midway on the ground is a plain little frame structure with power wires leading into it. Such is the visible evidence to the casual visitor that the University of Alberta has seriously entered the newest field of education, that of instruction by radio-telephone, or to use the common expression, is going on the air with its own broadcasting station.

When, a few years ago, radio first made its appearance, it was regarded with a feeling of mingled delight and apprehension—delight because of its capacity to lengthen the reach of entertaining and instructive effort; apprehension lest another distraction had been added to our already fevered modern life. For the first year or two educators were slow to appreciate the significance of what had happened. Entertainment took possession of the air. Broadcasting stations sprang up like magic and millions of dollars were spent on receiving equipment. In the United States, particularly, development was so rapid that soon the ether was filled with a veritable anarchy of contending waves all challenging attention, and a problem of controlling the latest invader of our peace appeared. Aerial highways ignore national boundaries, and we share with our neighbours their difficulty. The Mother Country chose the wiser plan of establishing control before the situation got out of hand.

So far as North America is concerned the air has been almost captured by interests of all sorts which have special axes to grind. Particularly are we beset by advertising of many sorts more or less cleverly designed. Religious sects have been quick to seize upon a way of spreading their views at comparatively small

cost. Service agencies such as newspapers have combined commercial broadcasts with news summaries, market reports, weather forecasts and the like.

When the first novelty of the radio wore off, the question appeared of what fields of permanent usefulness were open to it. It is fairly safe to say that it is no longer a toy or luxury. Many homes would miss the radio more than any other piece of furniture. In remote corners of the Peace River district the writer has sat at dinner and listened to lectures, which brought that hitherto out-of-the-way place into instant contact with the farthest corners of the earth. Survey parties in the far north carry small receiving sets by which they take daily time signals from Calgary, hundreds of miles away.

Meanwhile, what were educational authorities doing? At an early stage some broadcasting stations tried to combine instruction and entertainment. Lecturers were employed to give addresses on many kinds of educational topics. These were interspersed with amusement features. The result was sometimes incongruous to say the least. An illustration will suffice. One program contained a serious discussion of how to control tuberculosis, which was followed immediately by a black-face minstrel skit. But universities, particularly those already interested in extension work, were watching developments closely and soon set to work. At first, individual lectures and musical programs of a superior character were introduced. Soon organized courses were presented with or without correspondence supplements. These courses were worked out for credits so that today it is possible to get a liberal education by combining radio lectures with directed reading. While the old handicap of correspondence instruction, because it lacked the inspiration of personal contact, has not been removed by radio, it has been very much lessened.

Three years ago the Department of Extension in co-operation with the Edmon-

ton Journal, began to present educational material, having the free use of the broadcasting station CJCA. With mutual satisfaction, this arrangement continued for three years. Last year nearly one hundred short lectures, on a wide range of subjects, were presented. In addition, musical programs intended to illustrate the works of great composers were put on, as well as national evenings on the feast days of the patron saints of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. But the increasing cost of broadcasting service and the consequent need of augmented income for CJCA made necessary a change in the existing arrangement. A careful investigation brought the conclusion that the University of Alberta should erect its own station and augment its service. A license was secured and the call letters CKUA were assigned. Mr. W. W. Grant, of Calgary, was engaged to install the new station, in co-operation with the technical staff of the University. Unexpected delay was encountered in the delivery of the aerial towers so that the first program was not broadcast until November 21st. By arrangement with CJCA and CHCY, the other Edmonton stations, CKUA will be on the air each Monday evening from 8 p.m. until 10:15 p.m. with a general lecture and musical program. On Thursday evening from 8:30 until 10:30 will be farmers' night. Each Thursday until May 31st there will be two short lectures on agricultural topics. These will be interspersed with musical and other features of an entertaining character. Each Thursday afternoon there will be a woman's hour, and each Monday an organ recital from the war memorial organ in Convocation Hall. As rapidly as circumstances will permit, definite courses of instruction will be offered to supplement directed reading. A beginning will be made with a course for farm young people who are following the course outlined in connection with the University Week for Farm Young People. The next course will probably be supplementary to the correspondence course now offered in Economics and

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EDITORIAL

RUTS

IN the meandering, endless trails of twenty years ago, there was often a rut in which the hubs of the buggy-wheels scraped the grass from the edges, and the luckless driver that hoped to be haw-ed or gee-ed out of it might find himself splicing a broken buggy-tongue with binder-twine. In such a rut, the teacher grown grey or bald in service is often pictured plodding. It is difficult to understand why the teacher should be thought to be alone in the gumbo. Certainly ahead or behind is the merchant who still says to his customer, "Here's the stuff; take it or leave it;" or the contractor who builds houses like glorified packing-cases; or the doctor who reads only the jokes in the medical journal; or the politician who thinks a professor is one of the dry bones in a forgotten valley.

But slightly shallower is the rutted state of many graduates of vocational institutions and specialists' courses. The lawyer, of course, by virtue of his occupation, is compelled to reap the reward of necessity in wide reading, but what of those doctors, dentists, teachers, engineers and agriculturists, to say nothing of honor graduates in mathematics, psychology, or even English, who are obliged to confine themselves to the bare facts of the courses as undergraduates, and continue, by choice, the fault in their unfortunate thereafter? No doubt they continue to study their subjects. Some will be ahead of the times in the practice of their respective professions. One or two may even discover new glands, or develop eye-less potatoes. But random samplings will show a teacher abhorring the phil-

osophy of Aristotle, a dentist talking "weather" to his banker-patient, and an agriculturist gaily lecturing in poor English.

Such phenomena can lead only to the conclusion that as specialists, we have lost the view of the universality of knowledge. Of course we understand that the natural sciences are an allied group, and that modern languages need a little substance of English and classics. But imagine an anatomist studying Hebrew to combat the anti-evolutionist, or a student of English puzzling over mathematics in order to compile a spelling-book graduated according to statistical difficulty; or a merchant taking a course in law to understand contracts; or a mother reading the theories of genetics, the better to train her children. And yet they seem sensible courses to pursue if the end is to be successfully attained.

The sense or nonsense of social behavior is, of course, credited or debited to education. Certainly, in respect to vocational ruts, education must be assigned the blame for a type of training which affords no clue as to how to avoid them. The teacher and the book say, "The angle ABC is equal to the angle DEF because . . .", and the child thinks of the marks on the black-board rather than of the lines between three stars. The dental student spends his hours in the laboratory preparing a set of teeth, and the professor forgets to remind him that the farmer will come back some day to get his wisdom tooth out if he can talk for a minute about the new colt. On the other hand, the educated professor in Agriculture says, "Zoology is fundamental to the study of animal husbandry; mathematics is basic to the study of field crops; and it is impossible to report clearly your findings without facility in English."

The rut may be used for direction, but the careful traveller is on the look-out for a track that avoids the sloughs and badger-holes.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Discussion of any topic under the sun will be published in this department.
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September 29, 1927.

The Editor, *The Trail*.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to receive the list of addresses you published in your last issue. It was pleasant indeed to glance through the list and indulge in reminiscences.

But is reminiscence the only response *The Trail* arouses? I fear so. There are but few issues of *The Trail* I should care to present to an individual who asked, "What sort of place is the University of Alberta?". There is an anniversary of Confederation, election to a seat on the Council of the League of Nations, an economic experiment in the marketing of wheat, immigration and the Britisher versus the foreigner—and *The Trail* has nothing to say. Is it true that returned soldiers are fleeing at the approach of a host of Central Europeans and deserting their homesteads to the invaders?

Mr. Editor, can we—not you alone nor the Edmonton Executive, but all of us—blaze a trail worth following, or are we lost in the bush of disinterest. If so, let us abandon *The Trail* at once. In its present form it is a damning reflection on our University.

To close without acknowledging the debt we owe to editors and executives, past and present, would be scant courtesy on the part of one who has made no contribution to our journal. A few individuals have contributed articles and reviews, and to them our thanks are due. But the establishment of a worthy journal is not an enterprise which a few enthusiastic individuals could be expected to maintain. Nor, I think, can any serious assistance be expected from the majority of our members. What is the solution? I submit the following suggestions for the consideration of alumni.

1. The central executive of the Alumni Association should invite subscriptions of \$5.00 each to cover the cost of four quarterly issues of a journal of high literary merit, devoted to History, Art, Politics, Science and any other subject the editor might see fit.

2. The initiation of the scheme to be subject to the receipt of adequate subscriptions to cover the cost of publication, say \$2,000, allowing \$500 per issue. If adequate subscriptions were not forthcoming those received should be refunded.

3. An editor-in-chief should be appointed by the executive committee to serve for an indefinite period, the editor to be a man of proven or promising journalistic capacity, and to be selected irrespective of his address in or without Canada.

4. Initial subscribers might have the privilege of suggesting a promising man for the post, submitting a statement of his qualifications.

5. The editor should select several assistants who would be responsible to him for the collection and contribution of articles. Financial compensation of editor and assistants to be introduced as soon as possible. There should also be payment for accepted articles. The journalistic profession does not tend to early financial independence. Articles of merit will bring their author a fee when submitted to a well-established journal. Why, therefore, should we accept an author's service gratis?

These suggestions may include the nucleus of a possible scheme. It would be an achievement of some worth for the Alumni Association to foster a periodical which would reflect creditably on the University of Alberta.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. LEHMANN,
(M.Sc. '22.)

Editor's Note.—A probable change in editorial policy was announced in the September issue. Mr. Lehmann's sugges-

tions are therefore welcome corroboration. Discussion is solicited. It may be added that contributions (gratis) will be appreciatively read.

Granum, Alberta,
Sept. 13, 1927.

The Editor, *The Trail*.

Dear Sir,—Do you know any alumnus, a graduate in medicine, who is looking for an opening? This town is without a doctor. The municipal district of Argyle has an office here and will pay a doctor \$1,000 a year, I believe, which would be extra to his other earnings except that he would be obligated to treat indigent patients without cost to the municipality. The town pays a small sum for M.H.O. also.

Yours faithfully,
CHAS. F. CARSWELL ('15).

Sir,—Rather diffidently I suggest that Alumni who are engaged in any interesting occupation, whether marriage, hog-raising or teaching, should contribute accounts of their experience in *The Trail*. These articles need not be long. But they should be interesting and well written. The only reason I, myself, forbear to burden you with contributions is my fear of slipping into English that might not please cultured ears. But though I cannot write, I do enjoy reading, in common with quite a lot of other people. If you do not care to ask for contributions yourself, perhaps this from one who reads might have the desired result, if you should care to publish it. In that case, please withhold my name.



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TWO VISITORS

Writing about distinguished visitors to the University isn't easy. I wish I had impressed this fact upon the Editor, but now that he has made me promise to do it, the least I can do is to impress it upon the reader. For one thing, such a reveiw is very far from being news. Like boarding-house hash, it is bound to be retrospective and impressionistic and a bit apologetic.

Moreover, the distinguished visitors are sometimes undeniable bores. They address Athabasca Hall when Athabasca Hall is heavy with dinner; they talk about college as "a place where we learn to think," and they remind the students that they do not need to worry about low marks, "because we ourselves were sometimes at the foot of our class." And when the writer's most vivid memory of a distinguished visitor's address is that the seat in Convocation Hall was for fifty minutes as uncomfortable as a mediaeval rack, he finds it hard to write about such a person with tactful elegance. Lastly, when the writer, with memories of the last ordeal heavy upon his mind, plays truant altogether, he finds it very difficult to say anything at all.

However, the University has had at least two visitors this term who were certainly not bores and whom the writer can personally vouch for as interesting.

The first speaker was Mr. Philip Kerr, who at the time of the Great War held the distinguished position of secretary to Lloyd George. Mr. Kerr addressed a University audience on October 22 in the Medical building. He was under some disadvantage, in that he had to speak on two subjects, which, however closely related in one respect, differ sufficiently to deserve separate discussions. The first of these was the Rhodes Scholarship system, a subject on which Mr. Kerr, as Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, can speak with authority. Before reminding possible candidates of the wonderful opportunities offered by three years at Oxford, Mr. Kerr spoke briefly on the life of Cecil Rhodes, and told of the high cultural

ideals of that great imperialist. One could not but feel warm admiration for the great statesman who loved so well learning and culture and the historic university which seemed to him the incarnation of these things. The speaker was much less idolatrous than many who handle the same theme, and the only sign of deference to the empire-building tradition was the hasty and euphemistic dismissal of the Jameson Raid as one of Rhodes' "mistakes".

Mr. Kerr seemed to think it necessary to apologize for the fact that the Rhodes Scholarships were for men only. Personally I thought his avowed regrets a little too heavily gallant. Perhaps this feeling was due to his repeated references to women students as "ladies." I suppose they are too, but it did sound a bit odd. Who ever talks of "a date with a lady in Pembina Hall"?

The second topic of the address was "International Relations". This subject, so often pawed over by the charlatan and the apostle of post-war brotherly love, Mr. Kerr handled with power and sanity. He deplored the fact that the naval experts at Geneva had been so much more zealous for security than the peoples whom they represented had been for peace. He pointed out that since democracies cannot travel as the old governing classes used to do, and cannot look upon the world through a foreigner's eye, there was a great duty incumbent on the educated man and woman to take an interest in international affairs and to bring into them that sympathy without which the world will again be a shambles. Democracies can keep their own houses in order well enough; even the uneducated voter understands partially his locality's needs; but the danger-points in human society are the contacts between nations ignorant of each other's ideals and aware only of each other's power.

Mr. Kerr's treatment of the growing strength of the United States was singularly acute and fair-minded. This Power, he said, was to be in this century

what Great Britain had been in the last one. Now, Britain's wealth and power had been forces for good rather than for ill, in that they had helped to build up other countries in need of financial assistance, and there was nothing to be dreaded from the United States, provided only that it used its financial and political power with intelligence and sympathy, and thus co-operated against one of the world's worst foes, poverty.

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On November 8 the University had the pleasure of listening in Convocation Hall to the first Exchange Professor from the University of British Columbia, Dr. Garnet W. Sedgewick, Head of the Department of English. To those students and instructors who had formerly been at U.B.C., no professor from the Coast could have been more welcome, and indeed the general impression made by his address was most favourable.

The lecture, of which the subject was "Canadian Literature", was a fearless and spirited statement of belief. The speaker frankly expressed his condemnation of the misguided literary patriots who would foster Canadian literature by self-deception and narrow provincialism. There was no real good in putting up a barrier against American magazines; in keeping out the trash, Canada might all too easily keep out the thoughtful periodicals also—and Heaven knows we need no barrier against ideas!

It could not be denied that there were many beautiful passages in Canadian poetry. But our literature suffered from the fact that we are not in the main current of the world's ideas, that the Canadian was far less cosmopolitan culturally than the Norwegian, the Dane or the Englishman. Could even the most violent admirer of Bliss Carman or Archibald Lampman say that these poets had influenced Canadian life as such a poet as Thomas Hardy had influenced the England of this generation, or for that matter, as Hardy had influenced Canada itself? Moreover, Canadian poetry suffered from a self-consciousness of tech-

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ALUMNI NOTES

Dudley F. Pegrum, '22, '24, received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California in August, 1927. He is now Assistant Professor of Economics in the southern branch of that university. H. R. Thornton ("Tubby"), '22, was a visitor to Edmonton and the University during August, on his way to Fargo, N.D. R. M. Baker, '24, says, "If any of our alumni ever happen to be in this part of the country we shall surely be glad to see them." J. O. C. Kirby, '26, taught school near Castor, Alberta, after graduation, then returned to B.C., where he was called to the Bar. He opened an office of his own in Vancouver in April, '27. G. D. Misener, '12, '22, received the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy last spring. His dissertation, "A Standard Score for Educational Measurements," is available "for those interested" at the rate of \$2.00 per copy post paid. L. H. Nichols, '25, and D. K. Froman, '26, spent the summer at the University of Chicago. They report that S. M. Blair, '24, is now in Trinidad with a British oil company. R. S. Woodford, '27, spent the summer with a prospecting party in the Finlay River district of Northern B.C. It is hoped that if G. R. Porte, '15, of Vancouver, sees this note he will send in his full address. Mary E. ("Libbie") Lloyd, '12, writes appreciatively of the directory issue from Waskatenau, Alberta. After a motor trip through New England and Quebec, F. J. Batson, '20 (310 Voorhees Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.), says: "We visited all the large colleges. None have better buildings and very few better equipment than our own Alberta. We should feel justly proud." Rev. S. Bainbridge, '21, '23, has resumed his former work in the ministry of the United Church at Chipman, after two years of high school teaching, and remarks: "Every man to his job!" Jean H. Williamson, '26, succeeded Helen Beny, '24, as secretary to Dean Kerr. Rev. Wm. Forshaw, '17, '25, writes: "I am glad to be kept in touch with my old friends of University days. For three years I have been happily liv-

ing in San Diego and have had charge of the Plymouth Congregational Church." Helena D. Keith is teaching English in a Montreal high school. Myra K. Austin, '27, reports having seen Rose Clutton, '26, at the School Fair. The Secretary hopes to receive more news from the ladies during the next few months; these notes are distinctly lop-sided.

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This all-too-brief note from G. R. Stevens, '15, Canadian Trade Commissioner to South Africa, arrives on Nov. 21: "Have made an overland trip through Africa and have written an unremarkable book about it; have two intensely noisy sons; have become, I fear, a permanent expatriate; and have given up waiting for the next war." Long may you wait, old-timer!

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So far each branch has held one meeting. Hon. J. F. Lymburn addressed the Edmonton branch on Saturday, November 5th., at a luncheon meeting at the Corona Hotel. The President, Alan Harvey, announced that a recital by Miss Kahtleen Parlow, probably in January, 1928, would be sponsored by the branch.

About sixty-five members of the Calgary Branch met in the Board of Trade rooms on Wednesday, Oct. 19th. A committee of five was selected to arrange for the Christmas dance, and Clarence Manning was appointed publicity manager for *The Trail* for Calgary. The members decided to co-operate with the Canuck Club in taking charge of the Calgary visit of the Maritime debating team. Our scribe remarks that most of the speakers were of the legal profession.

THE SECRETARY.

Births and Marriages

(Notices of Births and Marriages and Obituary Notices should be sent to Greta Simpson, University of Alberta, Edmonton.)

BIRTHS

OWEN—At Edmonton on Saturday, October 1, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Owen, 10410 University Avenue, a son.

JOHNS—At Ottawa, on November 6, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Johns, a daughter, Mary Cicely.

WHITMAN—At Hamilton, on July 28, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Whitman, a daughter, Yvonne Narice.

MARRIAGE

RINGWOOD—TALLMAN — At Edmonton, October , 1927, Eileen, only daughter of the late Mr. F. H. Ringwood and Mrs. Ringwood, to Frank Ford Tallman, M.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tallman, of Red Deer. Dr. and Mrs. Tallman have made their home at Ponoka.

HENRY—KENT — At Bentley, Alberta, on June 15, 1927, Miss Jean Kent, of Lacombe, to Dr. Wm. Henry, B.A. '21.

STUTCHBURY—BOAKE — At Edmonton, Sept. 28, 1927, Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. C. Boake, of Edmonton, to Ewart W., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stutchbury, of Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Stutchbury will reside at Westlock.

BELL—BELL—At Oak Bay, Victoria, B.C., Sept. 15, 1927, Mildred Hazel ('26), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bell, of Victoria, to Dr. W. W. Bell, son of Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Bell, Vermilion, Alberta.

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stead of candles had been sent. He added that under the circumstances he had not felt the loss of the candles.

At any rate, it's something to at last come to rest in your desired haven, and to have your name and virtues live forever more upon the hilltops to the north. Something pagan, in the old classic sense, perhaps, in choosing as a last intimate the spot of earth you have loved so well in life; and a curious mixture of the Homeric, Elizabethan, and the naïveté of the frontiersman in the epitaph.

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weeks. He's no good at all. Esther's work is all right, but she seems to be raising a lot of trouble back-stage.

Loma: Yes, Jimmy, she is, but I think it's just a case of nervousness.

Stevens: You think so? I thought it was something more than that. I've watched stage women for a long time. Girls of her type, though they are always free and easy in their attitude toward men, yet when they really fall for some chap, they become reserved, moody and nervous. Seems to me a plain case of falling in love.

Loma (she studies the floor, half turning away from him.): No, Jimmy, you are wrong there. Who can it be? It's certainly, most certainly, not George. You yourself have seen her attitude toward Jack. And, if you'll pardon my saying so, I don't think it's yourself.

Stevens (with a smile): No, I don't think so, either. But Jack—is it her influence—that's throwing him off? That's what I'm wondering.

Loma: Don't ever think it, Jimmy. Come now, confess. I know you pride yourself on your ability to pick good workers. But you've drawn a blank this time. Jack flared up all right at the start, but he sputtered and went out. He can't stick. Of course, I like the boy and don't want to say anything against him, but—

Stevens: Hm-m. If you're right, he's got to go. But somehow, I hate to let him go. He's worked hard.

Loma: Will all the work in the world make an artist out of a day-labourer?

Stevens (surprised at her vindictiveness): Huh, you're rather hard on him!

Loma (realizing her mistake): Oh, no, I didn't mean it just that way. He's fine really; what I meant was that he hasn't it in him to become a really fine actor.

Stevens: Yes, I think you're right there. If he's a blank, the only thing to do is to let him out. Neilson could take

over the part and do it well. In fact, I saw him out there tonight. (He jerks his thumb toward the unseen audience L.)

Loma: Well, Jimmy, I would rather hate to see him go. Of course, I suppose the work come first. He's a fine chap, but—

Stevens: But—what?

Loma: Oh, nothing.

Stevens: Hm-m. (He watches her closely.)

A burst of clapping is heard off L.)

Stevens: There's your curtain call, Loma. (Loma exits L.)

Stevens sits pondering; the clapping is renewed; then he rises, with an air of finality and exits L, passing George and Loma on the steps.)

George: I say, Loma, Jack picked up wonderfully well in that act. Did you say anything to him?

Loma (carelessly): Oh, no—he's just erratic, that's all.

They are taking off their makeup at their tables.

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George (scrubbing his face with a towel): And did you speak to Jimmy about Jack?

Loma (after a pause): Yes—I did. Why?

George: I was wondering. You have quite an influence with His Nibs. It will certainly smooth things out for Jack. I imagine it's rather important for him to hang on to this berth. Guess he had a run of hard luck before he got this.

While he is rambling on, Jack appears on the landing behind the curtain. He stops, listens a moment to George's talk, then turns and looks back. Esther comes. She tries to pass him, but he blocks her way and takes her hand forcing her to look at him.

George (continuing): Y'know, Jack is an awfully decent chap. O' course, he's young, just a kid, but he'll make good. He's got more sand than I ever had. He can act, too, when he hasn't something to bother him. Sensitive sort of chap—

Esther and Jack, screened from the others, gaze into each other's faces for a long moment, a moment full of revelation. Then Jack catches her fiercely and kisses her again and again. She remains passive in his arms. Then slowly and quietly they come down the steps, without a word, and, each divining the other's mood, walk over to the entrance rear and slip out through the canvas. George, busy with the business of removing makeup, doesn't notice them. He has started to hum the song that has been running through his head all evening. But Loma has seen. She pulls the towel from her neck and sits there, watching the floor, thinking. George powders his face, twirls his mustache, puts on hat and coat and starts for exit L. He stops in front of Jack's and Esther's tables.

George: Wonder where those kids have gone? (He turns off the lights at their tables and exits L. Loma comes out of her reverie, adjusts her hair and powders her face. Stevens comes in from L, and comes over to Loma.

Stevens: Where's Jack?

Loma: I'm sure I don't know, Jimmy.

Stevens: Hm-m. Thought I'd let you know. I just saw Neilson a moment ago.

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I told him he could start Monday.

Loma: You did? And Jack's through?

Stevens: Jack's through! He gets his notice in the morning.

Loma: But, Jimmy, he'll be out of luck; why, he'll—

Stevens (with a dry smile): Hm-m. You haven't fallen for him yourself, have you?

Loma (startled): Oh, don't be silly. *(She laughs mechanically).* He's only a boy.

Stevens: Boy or no boy, he's got to produce results or get out!

Loma: Oh, well.

There is the suggestion of a shrug, again. She puts on a little felt hat and takes her cloak. Stevens assists her. She turns off her light and walks slowly to steps L, mounts them, then turns and looks at Stevens across the room. She gives him just a little smile, then turns quickly and vanishes. Stevens stands a moment, looking at the floor, then takes his hat and coat over his arms and exits L. The only light left burning is at George's table. The nasal voice of George is heard off L, singing "Ah, Moon of My Delight." He comes in. He has forgotten something, and rummages on his table for it, still singing. Lightly the muted violins take up the theme. George finds the lost article, turns out his light and goes out. The song trails away faintly into the darkness. A minor note creeps into the theme of the violins as

THE CURTAIN FALLS.

TWO VISITORS

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nique and lack of passion; our poets cared more for a turn of phrase than for the deep underlying emotion without which poetry is a lifeless thing.

Yet there was no need for pessimism. As heirs of a great literary tradition, Canadians would eventually contribute worthily to English literature. Universities could do little to hasten the day of fulfilment, except in so far as they helped to build up a cultural environment that

would stimulate thought by a study of the world's masterpieces, past and present. Canada must be more, not less, hospitable to the ideas of other times and lands.

Finally Dr. Sedgewick read out a poem by a Canadian author which seemed to him to strike the note of greatness that justified his hopes. The speaker closed a stimulating and sincere address with Bliss Carman's lovely lyric, "Low Tide on Grand-Pré", and as he reached the closing lines, full as they are of poignant human longing,

The night has fallen, and the tide . . .

Now and again comes drifting home,
Across these aching barrens wide,

A sigh like driven wind or foam;

In grief the flood is bursting home,
the audience realised that the very sharpness of the speaker's previous criticisms had arisen from a deep and sincere faith in the future of Canadian literature.

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CAMPUS CHATTER

At a meeting of the selection committee on Monday evening, Nov. 28, in the senate chamber of the University of Alberta, Ronald Martland was chosen as Rhodes Scholar for the province of Alberta for 1928. He is the son of John Martland, city architect for Edmonton.

Ronald Martland received his public and high school education in Edmonton, taking all available prizes while attending school. He entered the University in 1923, and registered in Arts and Law.

At University Mr. Martland has had a brilliant academic record. He won the Governor General's medal in the two years that he competed for it, and also the Carswell prize for two years in succession.

Swimming is Ronald Martland's sport, and he has won the prize given by the Swimming Club of the University of Alberta. He has been secretary of the Literary Association and a member of the Students' Council. Last year he was clerk of the Students' Court, and this year he is president of the Law Club of the University. Mr. Martland is a brilliant speaker and debater. Last year he was a member of the inter-university debating team that won the championship against the University of Manitoba.

Ronald Martland is the thirteenth Rhodes Scholar to be chosen from the province of Alberta. After taking his degrees at the University of Alberta next spring, he will proceed to Oxford in the fall of 1928.

The covered rink—or perhaps you have not heard of the covered rink? It is a modest frame structure situated at the corner of 87th Avenue and 113th Street; modest, because it has retired so far from the haunts of man. And yet not so modest, for it has filled the sport columns of the Journal and Bulletin for these many moons past. Besides, "The Covered Rink Committee" has discussed it lengthways and sideways in many well-fumigated sittings. It may be added that much of the discussion hinged on its retiring modesty. This winter it will be used to skate on. Sometimes hockey games will be played there, and perhaps it is not too much to say that "the brand of puck-chasing likely to be dished up by the sharpshooters of the Knowledge Mill will knock you for a row of cock-eyed assistant professors." Season tickets sell for \$2.00 to University students (skating privileges only).

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Those of us who remember the sheet of ice that used to lie behind the Medical Building, and later in front, will ruminate with envy on the modern conveniences of the modern student. It is very likely that we shall tell our children tales of how we braved the frozen blasts in order to get exercise in order to study in order to pass our examinations in order to make money in order that our children might have those modern conveniences we did without. Boasting like the pioneer raconteur, we shall tell of the one-piece band that did duty as an orchestra, and how we thought ourselves well-off. It may be that we shall tell how we were the only skater on the ice. And we won't be far from wrong. And then our children will rise up and say with truth, "Yes, mamma, but who built the covered rink?" And we shall remember with shame that it was the modern student.

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Financially, rugby was a great success. At least, it should have been; the crowds would have delighted the eye of old council budget-makers. The games were insured, too, against rain, snow and sleet. It was unfortunate that the spec-

tators had not been insured also, against disappointment. The first home game, against Saskatchewan, was mostly a wild scramble for fumbled balls; and when the ball did come into possession of a player, he carried on his face that pained expression as if to say, "What shall I do now?" The second game at home was played against Manitoba. The first two quarters showed splendid rugby; then Manitoba ran up a number of points and Alberta morale died piteously of broken heart. On their two visits, Alberta won at Saskatchewan and was defeated at Manitoba. Thus the standing in the new Intercollegiate Rugby was: Manitoba 4, Alberta 2, Saskatchewan 0. It must be pointed out that rugby consists fundamentally of material, and coaching. This year the material was good.

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The Western Canada intercollegiate track-meet was entertained this year by Alberta. If Alberta was unhappy in her rugby, she was most fortunate on the track. Although she did not win the meet, she had the satisfaction of knowing that the score teeter-tottered between Alberta and Manitoba all day, and that Alberta lost by a scant three points only because the day died with Manitoba on the teeter and Alberta on the totter. Saskatchewan trailed the leaders by some forty points. Alberta won the women's track and the women's individual championship.

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If the Dramatic Society can find a few hundred dollars somewhere, it is intended to produce a Shakespeare this year. That's the way it goes. Not money—life. Aided and abetted by a "cultured" staff, the students spend \$20,000 and build a temple to Athletics, while those who hanker for spiritual food must go beg it.

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Societies and clubs now furnish out the class-rooms in every corner of the Arts Building. It is rumored that some students may soon be clubbed to death. The latest fashionable bauble to deck out Liberal Arts is the German Club.

THE TRAIL-END

Thanksgiving is safely over and there is still a while before Christmas. We say "a while" because we don't want the editor to know exactly when we are writing this. After reading his story about ruts, we feel that the only way we could be successful in getting a fruity article done on time would be to take a combined course in Agriculture and Commerce. Anyway, we learn in this issue that we can make mistakes just to afford readers the satisfaction of making corrections. We'll try that on the editor. Maybe he'll hit us with a brick-bat or black-jack.

If he does, we'll let Mr. Hewelcke clean up on him—he has a kitchen sink and a drain all ready. We wonder why the hero didn't wash Anushka's hair instead of cutting her throat. He could have slipped a few clean hairs up his sleeve. Only a very clean hair (after a lemon-shampoo

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—you know, girls) squeaks, an attribute most necessary, we think, to a violin bow.

There seems to be a lot of hair in this issue. Now, if Loma had had Anushka's hair, what would Nicholasitchky have done—no, what would George and Jack and Stevens have done? We should like to know this Loma person. Someone must know her. Those female du mondes or female dux mondes (we have to get a French dictionary anyway, to look up "Cliche") are sometimes quite interesting. Perhaps we can find her some Thursday afternoon when it is woman's hour over the radio, listening to a lecture on how to dye hair darkly-gold.

But no ladies are to listen in on these Thursday-afternoon programmes. Only women. Because Mr. Riddehough says that women are only *supposed* to be ladies, and it would be terrible to crowd out some qualifying person. And we hear of violent admirers of Carman and Lampman. Dear, dear! Surely that is too strong a word. Anushka's boy friend, for instance, was violent.

Quite in contrast with the present bliss of "12-Foot". Wasn't it Davis they hung to a sour apple tree? But we mustn't contradict a judge. Whatever Davis it was, sure he's laughing about the candles now he knows the joke. It's a joy to find someone who gives custom-bored places the glamour of Kipling's "hill-tops to the north".

THE TRAILER.

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